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DEVELOPING A STRATEGIC VISION PROJECT BACKGROUND MATERIAL SUMMARY SHEET

1. Title

Transfer of Development Rights Program

2. Location:

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3. Year Published:

No date available

4. Brief Summary:

This is handout provided at the June 19th 2007 Rural Land Use forum by one of the guest speakers. It describes the procedure used in King County in Washington State. The purpose of the Transfer of Development Rights program is to voluntarily preserve private working farms, forests and rural open spaces that are assessed as providing a permanent public benefit. This is done by rural land owners applying to transfer (sell?) development rights from rural settings to participating cities (developers?) who use these "rights" to increase urban density beyond the allowed base zoning.

5. Opinion on Relevance to Project:

This is an example of how a rural area may be able to protect further density on property already zoned for more development. It is also an example of how a rural property owner could be partially protected from unaffordable property taxes by selling their "rights" in exchange for income to meet expenses without resorting to subdivision.

6. Categories Covered:

Governance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Economy ?
Environment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Others (Specify):	Taxation; land use			

7. Reviewer:

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