

TDR vs Density Credit Program

- **TDR**

- **Private market transaction between buyer & seller**
- **Sales price negotiated directly between two**
- **Sometimes offers better pricing for large number of DR purchases**
- **Program issues development certificates, records conservation easement**

TDR vs Density Credit Program

- **Density credit (like Burlington Ag Heritage)**
 - Developer purchases density credits at set price
 - Revenues aggregated and used for conservation purposes (Burlington → Farmland Legacy)
 - Easier to use for most developers
 - More understandable to general public
- **TDR experts recommend offering both options**

Program design:

One possible option

- **Density credit component**
 - Functions like Burlington Ag Heritage Program
 - Revenues provided to Farmland Legacy (or other conservation program, if desired)
- **TDR component**
 - Private buyer-seller option (can work better for large transactions)
 - Potential sending areas: SF-NRL, RRc-NRL, IF-NRL
 - Does not interact with or disrupt Ag-NRL, FLP purchases

Existing Program Synergies with Potential TDR Program

- **Depends on County-wide Objectives**
 - To conserve as much farmland as possible?
 - To balance conservation of farmland with forestland?
 - To conserve as much rural land of any kind?
 - To capture value from receiving area upzones?
- **Ability to use PDR as bank of credits?**
 - Monetizes program
 - Does not conserve more land
- **Fee in Lieu**
 - Funding source for PDR
 - Does not provide opportunity to conserve non Ag-NRL lands
 - Essentially the Ag Heritage Credit Program