



CHECKLIST

Top 10 ways to preserve land and water in your community For professional planners and citizen planners

Preserve clean water, natural areas, wildlife and working farmland by making the following mandatory for new developments in your community:

1. ___ Inexpensive Conceptual Preliminary Sketch Plan
2. ___ Conduct a Site Walk On the Property
3. ___ Qualified Landscape Architect and Physical Planner Experienced in Designing Conservation Subdivisions be Involved from the Beginning of the Project.
4. ___ Existing Features Site Analysis Map
5. ___ Safer, Less-Wide Streets
6. ___ Preserve a Minimum of 50%* of the BUILDABLE Land
7. ___ Implement Conservation Subdivisions into your Ordinance
8. ___ Designate Conservation Subdivisions as a "By-right Permitted Use" option
9. ___ Create Interconnected Open Space Networks
10. ___ Workshop by Randall Arendt

*In urban, sewerred, high density areas zoned at 2-3-4 units per acre, preserving 30-35% open space, in addition to the unbuildable wetlands, floodplains, and steep slopes, is the norm. In rural, suburban edge areas at densities of 5 and 10 acres per dwelling, where most of America's new subdivisions are being and will be built, easily 70% (or more) of the land can be preserved.

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