

Agricultural land conservation

SLLp5 | Required

Intent

Preserve irreplaceable agricultural resources by protecting prime and unique farmland and forest lands from development.

Requirements

Option 1

Locate the project such that the site contains no more than 25% prime soils, unique soils, or soils of state significance as identified in a state Natural Resources Conservation Service soil survey;

OR

Option 2

Locate the project such that it meets the requirements specified in Options 1, 2, or 3, of SLL Prerequisite 1;

OR

Option 3

Locate the project such that it is within a designated receiving area for development rights under a publicly administered farmland protection program that provides for the transfer of development rights from lands designated for conservation to lands designated for development;

OR

Option 4 – For regions with an abundance of prime agricultural land

If the project is located within a metropolitan or micropolitan statistical area for which 75% or more of the total vacant land, including infill sites, is covered by prime soils, unique soils, or soils of state significance, and is on an adjacent site, then the prerequisite is not applicable. If the project does not lie in an established metropolitan or micropolitan statistical area, then the county boundary may serve for the purposes of the calculation.