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Multi-Sector Working Group
Land Use Subgroup
Draft Strategy List Version 2

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Category

1. Strategy
 - Implementation Actions and Tools

Environment and Conservation

1. Establish tree canopy goals for the region for urban, suburban, and rural areas
 - Regional coordination
 - Regional mitigation bank, or fee in lieu
 - Tree conservation ordinances
2. Incentivize environmental housing choices
 - Stormwater
 - Tree preservation
3. Streamline environmental regulations in built areas; increase environmental restrictions in rural areas
4. Encourage tax incentives to promote conservation of agricultural and natural lands

Land Use Planning Coordination

5. Coordinate retail planning
6. Improve federal land use planning coordination
7. Coordinate open space planning
8. Coordinate economic development planning

Development patterns

9. Concentrate development in Activity Centers
10. Foster Transit Oriented Development
11. Encourage infill development versus greenfield
12. Foster Job/Housing Balance
 - Encourage people to live near work
 - Utilize Place + Opportunity recommendations
13. Enable clustering of uses near each other (i.e. housing/childcare/shopping) and mixed use development
14. Examine parking policies' impact on land use and transportation
15. Facilitate residential/commercial balance
16. Incentivize affordable green housing near Activity Centers
17. Facilitate housing diversity (a variety of housing choices)
18. Analyze redevelopment of institutional and commercial properties
19. Compare 'business as usual' development patterns with a more holistic, practical, sustainable approach

Site Planning and Buildings

20. Reduce GHGs from Sites

- Analyze opportunities for urban design improvements in urban, suburban and rural areas
- Increase the number of ecodistricts and LEED- ND projects in the region
- Pursue natural landscaping techniques to reduce energy usage associated with maintenance

21. Reduce GHGs from Buildings

- Encourage building energy efficiency (new and existing)
- Right-sizing school space and land requirements
- Co-locating recreation and schools
- Reduce barriers to renewable energy production

22. Utilize infrastructure to reduce ghgs and produce renewable energy

- Implement/expand district energy systems, microgrids, combined heat and power
- Identify potential locations for natural gas service expansion
- Retrofit existing street grids in suburban/rural areas to improve connectivity
- Analyze opportunities for improving accessibility, walkability and bike facilities in suburban and rural areas
- Improve accessibility, bike facilities and walkability in dense transit accessible areas
- Facilitate installation of electric vehicle infrastructure readiness where needed/feasible (e.g., provision of conduit, access points, sizing of electrical rooms and assurance of sufficient electrical loads).