

National TDR Programs: Top Examples

Top National Programs	Year Started	Reason Selected	Program objective	Acres Preserved in Sending Areas	Number of Projects in Receiving Areas	Interlocal Agreements	TDR Bank	Comments	Code Citations
Boulder County, CO	1981	Rural to rural transfers	Agricultural	4,700	15	Yes	No (County does purchase and retire development rights)	Also has PDR program	6-700
Calvert County, MD	1978	Farm, resource protection and rural Community	Agricultural	16,000 acres	12,664 TDR's have been used(2003)	No	Yes (run by conservancy has doubled money)		
Cambria, San Luis Obispo County		Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County plays key role	Antiquated lots	16 acres which retired over 200 developable lots	230 projects/85,000 sq feet gained	No	Yes (run by conservancy has doubled money)		
San Luis Obispo County, CA	1996	Retire antiquated lots	Antiquated lots, agriculture, resource Preservation	5,464 acres under conservation easement. 14 projects in the receiving areas with 12 more pending		No	No	County based program has not been as successful as Cambria	22.24
New Jersey Pinelands, NJ	1980	Inter local agreements (7 counties 53 local jurisdictions)	Pinelands preservation	31,465	442 receiving site projects	Yes	Yes	40 trades per year A TDR bank was used at program inception, but was dropped after it was no longer needed.	
Montgomery County, MD	1980	Considered the most successful program in the country	Agricultural	50,857	10,160 severed/9,669 used	No (being considered)	No		59-C-1.33
Malibu Coastal Zone	1979	Rural village applications	Antiquated lots	924 lots retired	505 transfers	No	Yes (Bank run by land conservancy)		
Berthoud, Colorado	1999	Density Transfer Fee (DTF)	Open space		313 dwelling units approved in receiving areas	No		Fee is imposed for additional density in receiving areas, 94% of fee used for open space acquisition.	30-10-110
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency	1987	Tahoe Conservancy Land Bank	Environmental/water quality	2200 mitigation projects	215 projects	Yes	Yes (run by Tahoe Land Conservancy)	25-35 transfers approved per year	34