

MAP Rural Planning Policy Guide
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I. Executive Summary

II. Introduction

III. Definition of Rural

IV. Inventory:

Location and description of rural landscapes by defined types

V. Assessment:

1. Importance/contribution

A. economic (rural economic benchmarking)

B. lifestyle/culture

C. environmental

D. Quality of Life

2. Issues Identification

A. Challenges/competing interests

B. Opportunities

1. Preserve character/sense of place:

Open land

Productive land

Low population density

Scenery

2. Preserve lifestyle and culture

Land based economy

agriculture

extraction

eco-tourism/recreation

Heritage/ethnicity

3. Preserve/improve quality of life

Access to health care

Access to education

Access to transportation

Access to goods and services

Access to recreation and cultural amenities

Ability to earn a living

4. Build community

C. Benefits/Drawbacks

V. Needs & Goals

VI. Tools

- A. National
- B. Regional
- C. State
- D. Local

VII. MAP Action Agenda

VIII. References/bibliography