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MEMORANDUM

To: USD/ USB Committee
From: Michelle Reardon, LPE
Date: 4 April 2007
Re: Criteria for delineating USB

Staff would like to discuss options for approaching the delineation process. Below is a list of data sources we have used as well as other examples. The committee should also discuss what is needed for local boards to buy into the process.

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Staff has created maps based on:

- Future land use designation – specifically rural/open space/agriculture. This looks at the areas a community is planning on preserving in some way.
- Zoning –
 - a. Minimum parcel size – what areas are suitable to be served by well and septic systems based on health department standards.
 - b. Zoning classification – based on the district name and standardized regionally.
 - c. Permitted uses – looking at the uses listed by right in the ordinance text and categorizing according to rural or urban uses.
- Existing and/or “likely” service areas – where do services exist or where are they planned for in the future?

Used in other delineation processes

- Critical environmental/historic areas – areas that should be preserved due to the environmental or cultural significance.
- Topography – identify areas that are easiest to serve with public utilities due to natural topography. (i.e. gravity systems)
- Projected population – how much growth should be expected and planned for?