Release of the 2016 Land Use Inventory

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Metropolitan Council
How data and policy relate

Comprehensive Plans: Guiding / planning future land use

Updates (every decade)

Amendments (changes)

Land Use Inventory: Existing land uses

Building permits: New development by year

Agricultural Preserves: What won’t develop

Plat Monitoring: What will develop
About the Land Use Inventory

- Based on aerial photography
- Represent existing land use – not tax classifications, planned land use or land cover
- Interpreted and classified
- Standard and uniform classifications across the region
- Every five to seven years the Metropolitan Council since 1984 (and previously)
About the seven-county region

1.9 million acres

Nearly the size of Puerto Rico
What is the mix of land uses

Source: Metropolitan Council, Generalized Land Use Inventory
More acres of developed land... but growing more slowly

Source: Metropolitan Council, Generalized Land Use Inventory
Residential construction is driving land development

All Developed Land, 2016
- Single-family detached
- Other residential
- Other developed uses

Land Use Changes, 2010-2016
- Single-family detached
- Other developed uses

Source: Metropolitan Council, Generalized Land Use Inventory
The greening of the region: Growth in parks and recreation

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Source: Metropolitan Council, Generalized Land Use Inventory
Preserving opportunities for agriculture in the region

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Source: Metropolitan Council, Generalized Land Use Inventory
Land Supply: Where does new development occur?

- All development
- All residential development
- All single-family

Source: Metropolitan Council, Generalized Land Use Inventory
How have development patterns changed to meet continued population growth?

Sources: Metropolitan Council, Generalized Land Use Inventory; U.S. Census Bureau; Metropolitan Council Population Estimates
Policy Implications:
So what for the Council?
Questions for discussion:

• One more land use inventory prior to 2050 metropolitan development guide: What trends will the future Metropolitan Council be looking to confirm? What do we need to know between now and then?

• How are Council policies influencing land use patterns across the region?
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