

# Transfer of Development Rights

## *Using the Private Marketplace to Protect Farmland*



Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) is a planning tool which allows communities to keep farmland available for agricultural production while directing development into areas where growth is being encouraged. Guided by local government, a developer will pay a farmer for their development rights in exchange for approval to build more densely in an area that public services can be provided more efficiently.

This workshop will explore TDR as a possibility for Western North Carolina by looking at how it is used in other areas and discussing how it might work here.

**Friday, November 13, 2009 from 10:00 -3:00**

**Land-of-Sky Regional Council**

339 New Leicester Highway Asheville NC 28806

(828) 251-6622

Map and directions at <http://www.landofsky.org/mainlinks/contact.html>

### Agenda

Welcome and Introductions - Tom Elmore

TDR Overview – Judy Daniel, Planning Director, City of Asheville

30 Years of TDR – Veronica Cristo, Rural Planner, Calvert County (MD)

Can We Do It in NC? – Glen Bowles, Planner, Orange County (NC)

Lunch

Buncombe County Panel Discussion

Holly Jones – Buncombe County Commissioner

Bert Abrams (invited) - Buncombe County Landowner in Sandy Mush

Kevin Kerr (invited) - Buncombe County Developer

Breakout Group Discussion

Next Steps

The **cost** is \$15.00 to cover lunch and logistics. **Register by** email to [annie@landofsky.org](mailto:annie@landofsky.org) or by mailing a check by November 6 made to: Land-of-Sky Regional Council (attn: Annie) to 339 New Leicester Highway Asheville, NC 28806..

**Sponsors:** Buncombe County Soil and Water Conservation District, American Farmland Trust, Community Foundation of WNC Asheville Merchants Fund, Land-of-Sky Regional Council

**Who should attend:** planners, local government officials, real estate professionals, farmers, agricultural advisors, land trusts, and others interested in farmland protection and efficient growth.

**Continuing Planning Education Credits** are being requested for this event.