Land Development

Land use within the watershed is in transition from one land use to another. Generally, such transitions are from lower development intensities to higher intensities. This transitional period can be viewed as an important opportunity for affecting changes in policies, actions, and attitudes.

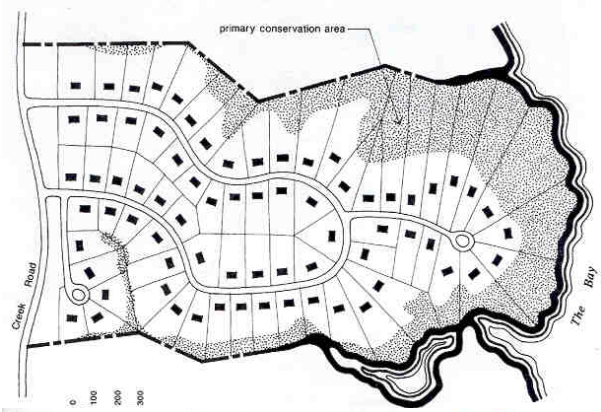
Issue: Innovative development techniques and policies that encourage forest cover preservation should be developed and utilized.

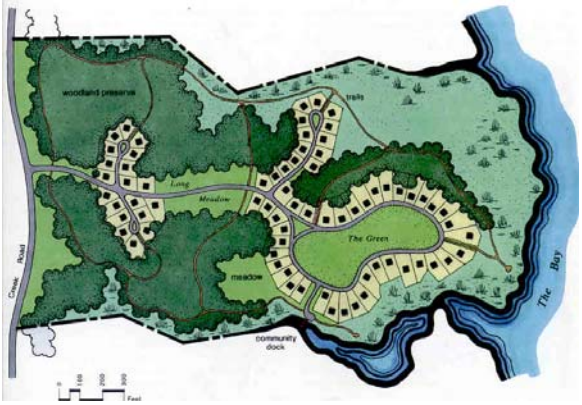
Issue: Impervious surfaces, both hardscapes and pseudo-impervious surfaces such as hillside cuts and compacted land, are continually expanding.

Issue: Actions and decisions made by developers, government agencies, and homeowners equally affect the quality of forests and water resources within the watershed.

Issues relating to development can include erosion and septic system failures. Responsible growth and development practices include...

- Covering disturbed soils.
- Limiting development on steep slopes.
- Implementing erosion control requirements.
- Inspecting and maintaining septic systems.
- Encouraging use of alternative systems.
- Updating comprehensive plans.
- Encouraging and providing tools for resource protection.
- Providing education for public and officials.





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