Beaufort County, South Carolina

General Announcement

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Beaufort County Starts Implementation of Transfer of Development Rights Program

The Beaufort County Community Development Department is beginning the implementation of the Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program and is currently accepting applications for TDR certificates. Applications are available on the County's website under the Community Development Department page here and are due by June 15.

TDR is a voluntary, incentive-based program that allows landowners to sell development rights from their land to a developer or other interested party who then can use these rights to increase the density of development at another designated location. While the seller of development rights still owns the land and can continue using it, an easement is placed on the property preventing further development.

This TDR program is currently aimed at shifting some future residential units away from the areas surrounding the Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort to help protect against encroaching incompatible land uses. Any property owned within the defined TDR Sending Area that meets criteria as outlined in the Beaufort County Community Development Code may be eligible for a TDR Certificate that will lead to the purchase of a limited number of development rights for small tract land owners.

Any property owner interested in the TDR program should contact the Beaufort County Community Development Department at 843-255-2140.

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