

Extension/UAES - Land Use and Sustainable Communities

Alternative Uses of Land

This area is concerned with evaluation of alternative uses of land to determine short and long-term benefits. Changes in land use in response to population growth, urban and suburban growth, recreational needs, agricultural and other factors affecting the fixed supply of land are included in this area.

Areas of work include but are not limited to:

- Inventory and appraisal of current and potential land uses
- Parameters and models for evaluating benefits
- Appraisal of future land requirements for non-agricultural uses such as forestry, recreation, highway, urban, and industrial development
- Conservation and management practices.

Exclude:

- Economic (i.e., cost-benefit analysis) alternative evaluations
- Economic and policy issues affecting land use

Community Resource Planning and Development

This work provides understanding about community needs and preferences by providing local leaders and organizations the information, skills, and decision-making tools to help understand problems, identify opportunities, and plan for renewal and growth.

Areas of work include but are not limited to:

- Economic planning, development, and industrialization
- Jobs and employment
- Regional economics and sector analysis
- Land use planning and zoning
- Entrepreneurship
- Public administration
- Small business and home-based business
- Community planning and development.

Exclude:

- Natural resource and environmental issues
- Poverty and welfare programs, including food assistance
- Consumer issues
- Policy
- Family issues
- Public services
- Sociological and technological change affecting communities
- Measuring the adequacy, quality, and cost of public services
- Community and civic engagement
- Conflict resolution

Domestic Policy Analysis

This work focuses on the economic and social impacts of domestic programs and policies, including the effect of government actions on the U.S. The work in this area analyzes the long term effects of government actions, which influences how the U.S. develops and implements policies.

Areas of work include but are not limited to:

- Agricultural production, price, and income policy, including commodity programs
- Natural resource, agri-environmental policy
- Antitrust and market policy

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- Rural development policy
- Science, research, and education policy
- Consumer policy
- Public policy
- Impacts and implications of macroeconomic policies
- Public policy education, including methodology
- Evaluation of policy effectiveness, impacts, and outcomes.

Exclude:

- Risk management
- Taxation
- Conflict resolution
- Food security related to nutrition and hunger
- Family policy
- Youth policy

Change Affecting Individuals, Families and Communities

Work in this area provides an understanding of the technological, demographic, and social changes occurring in society. Work also provides an understanding of the current and historic ways in which individuals, families, and communities cope with sociological and technological change, and includes activities that extend this knowledge to the population.

Areas of work include but are not limited to:

- Composition and trends in population
- Sociology/psychology of the farm family and other aspects of rural life and living conditions
- Social aspects of agrarian reform
- Migration patterns of farm and rural populations
- Migrant labor and related social issues in local communities
- Impact of cultural trends and technology on society
- Impact of racial, ethnic, diversity, pluralism, and gender issues on society
- Cultural awareness and respect for diversity
- Impact of change on communities
- Community development, asset building, civic engagement, and leadership
- Social and educational factors affecting poverty
- Social impact of environmental change
- Public lands/private lands conflicts
- Private lands/public benefits
- Conflict resolution and conflict management
- Political movements
- Social aspects for planning and development of healthy communities.

Exclude:

- Land use
- Acceptance of pest management systems
- Community planning and development
- Policy analysis
- Rural, agro- or eco-tourism

- Character/ethics education
- Community services
- Social and emotional development of youth
- Leadership development and leadership opportunities for youth

Primary Program Emphasis Areas – Areas of Work Defined

2007 Addendum

No new areas added