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Locality: Washington County

Name of program: Washington County Purchase of Development Rights Program

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Staff position location: Holston River Soil and Water Conservation District

Program started: Ordinance passed July 2010, Program initiated January 2011

First acquisition: None yet

Total acres enrolled: Zero

Application period: Not established yet

Source of funding: Working on

Payment plan: Not established

Type of easement: Permanent conservation easement, initially to be held by VOF or NRCS

Determining value: The easement value is determined by subtracting the County's land use base taxation value from the most recent County general reassessment value. This number is just a starting point used for negotiations.

Annual budget: None yet

Process length: The easement process length has not been established. The program took two and a half years to establish.