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Gentlemen,

I would like to make a suggestion regarding the proximity scoring of developments in small and medium counties.

Findings:

- 1) Services within these counties tend to be centralized with little duplication due to the population served and degree of need.
- 2) The availability of potential development sites is limited the closer you get to these service groupings; hence, the closer the more costly which most times make the feasibility for affordable housing less likely.
- 3) On average, services are between 1.5 to 3 miles from reasonably priced sites; however, public transportation is typically present between the two points.
- 4) Rooftops often influence the expansion of services in small/medium counties.

Suggestion:

- 1) That the agency revisit the minimum proximity point evaluation for small/medium counties.
- 2) That the agency consider increasing the "distances vs. number of proximity points awarded" to address the typical structure of service provisions within small/medium counties.

Thanks,

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