

# LOUISIANA LAND USE TOOLKIT

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## New Development Resources

Learn more about an exciting new resource available to help Louisiana communities achieve their desired goals – strong, efficient, and beautiful towns and cities. This new resource is the *Louisiana Land Use Toolkit*, which is available to communities across the state to guide future development in a healthy and sustainable way.

## How Will the Land Use Toolkit Help My Community?

Louisiana communities are feeling the pinch of sprawling uncontrolled development that is not compatible with historic development patterns. Citizens want to know that there are safeguards in place to hold on to the culture and value we have now and to ensure that future development is economically and culturally sustainable.

The Louisiana Land Use Toolkit can make a difference in your community by giving you the tools to have:

- Fair and predictable development decisions
- Protection of property values through increased predictability
- More efficient and affordable infrastructure
- A variety of housing choices
- Diverse, attractive and sustainable communities
- A mix of land uses and destinations
- Compact building design
- Protection of natural and open space areas

## Community Benefits



## How Do I Get More Information?

For details of the Toolkit and to see copies of model codes, see: [www.landusetoolkit.com](http://www.landusetoolkit.com)

## What Does the Toolkit Provide?

The Land Use Toolkit promotes Sustainable Development and Smart Growth. The tools provide a way for Louisiana communities to encourage development that revitalizes neighborhoods, protects farmland and open space, keeps housing affordable, and provides predictability in the future of our development and land values. *It is development that is good for the environment, community, and economy.*

Some benefits of the Toolkit regarding Subdivision and land development regulations include:

- Can be customized to each jurisdiction, so that just the right amount and type of regulations are used
- Easy and affordable regulations to administer and implement in areas with limited local resources
- Is flexible enough to be used in multiple locations and contexts throughout the state
- Consists of clear, concise, graphically-oriented, user-friendly regulatory material



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