

Purchase of Development Rights—Inner Bluegrass Region



Farmland east of Lexington protected through the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program. The landowner sells the development rights in perpetuity for the difference between the agricultural use value and the future development value. The PDR program encourages rural preservation and planned growth by reserving large contiguous rural areas. The goal of the PDR program is to purchase 50,000 acres by the year 2020. Photo by Dan Carey, Kentucky Geological Survey.