

Targeted Land Protection

Targeted Land Protection is a term that broadly encompasses all of the conservation activities undertaken to protect targeted ecosystem components, such as forests and grasslands.



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What role has land protection played in Water Funds across Ecuador?

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Targeted Land Protection is typically undertaken as a preventative measure that reduces the risk of adverse environmental impacts in the future, such as through increased

sediment or nutrient loadings that may result from changing land uses. Accordingly, these types of conservation activities differ from those that are focused on reducing the current annual loading of pollutant.

A few examples of the types of activities that may be implemented under Targeted Land Protection include:

Purchase of easements



Land rental



Conservation agreements



Hiring park guards or regulatory enforcement mechanism



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1. **Open Space Conservation and the US Forest Service**
Open space, valued for natural processes and wildlife, agricultural and forest production, aesthetic beauty, and other public benefits, is being threatened by

current patterns of growth, including low-density development.

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2. Private Forest, Housing Growth, and America's Water Supply

America's private forests provide a vast array of public goods and services, including abundant, clean surface water. Forest loss and development can affect water quality and quantity when forests are removed and impervious surfaces, such as paved roads, spread across the landscape. We rank watersheds across the conterminous United States according to the contributions of private forest land to surface drinking water and by threats to surface water from increased housing density. Private forest land contributions to drinking water are greatest in the East but are also important in Western watersheds.

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3. Land Trust Alliance Standard #8 Evaluating and Selecting Conservation Projects

This webpage outlines how Land Trust should be focusing strategically on projects that successfully provide public benefits.

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4. USDA Forest Service Forest Legacy Program: 5-Year Strategic Direction

The document outlines four strategic priorities, as well as goals, actions, and performance measurements to provide a benchmark for FLP progress. The priorities are: Promote the Strategic Conservation of Private Forests. Conserve Private Forests that Provide Environmental and Economic Benefits to People and Communities. Slow the Conversion and Parcelization of Environmentally and

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