

**Table 1: GIS Rural Vacant Buildable Lands Model (VBLM) Assumptions**

Ref	A (existing)	B (proposed)
1	Every possible rural parcel shall be counted as a parcel that will develop regardless of conditions that would likely make such development unlikely.	These rural VBLM assumptions should be used not to reflect what is possible, but to reasonably plan for what is likely. Parcels that cannot reasonably be expected to develop should not be counted as parcels likely to develop. Cluster development remainder parcels that are known to be prohibited from further development should not be counted as parcels likely to develop.
2	Rural parcels located in areas far from basic infrastructure with continuous long term commercial forestry operations should be counted as parcels that will develop.	Parcels located in areas far from infrastructure with long term commercial forestry operations likely to continue should not be counted as likely to develop. These assumptions are not used to authorize or to prohibit the development of individual parcels. Rather, these assumptions should only be used for tallying parcel totals for general planning information.
3	Rural parcels including 100% of environmentally constrained areas that lack sufficient area for septic systems and well clearances shall be counted as rural parcels that will develop.	Rural parcels that have less than 1 acre of environmentally unconstrained land sufficient area for septic systems and well clearances should not be counted as likely to develop.
4	History shows that about 30% of dividable parcels with homes and 10% of vacant dividable parcels do not develop further. So those deductions have been applied to urban planning totals for years. But every rural parcel shall be counted as a parcel that will divide to the maximum degree possible.	History shows that about 30% of dividable parcels with homes and 10% of vacant dividable parcels do not develop further. So those deductions have been applied to urban planning totals for years. These same deductions should be applied to rural planning totals as well.
5	As long as county code allows, lots that are up to 10% smaller than the minimum lot size should be considered as conforming lots and counted as parcels likely to develop.	Same
6	Although county code prohibits most nonconforming parcels from developing, all nonconforming parcels with 1 acre shall be counted as rural parcels that will develop.	Due to some exceptions from the norm, 10% of nonconforming parcels with at least 1 acre of unconstrained area will likely develop.
7	A 15% urban Market Factor provides some margin for the law of supply and demand to comply with the GMA requirement to provide a sufficient supply and achieve the affordable housing goal. But a 0% Market Factor shall be used for rural areas.	A 7.5% rural Market Factor should be used to provide a reasonable margin for the law of supply and demand to comply with the GMA requirement to provide a sufficient supply and achieve the affordable housing goal. Implementation of this rural Market Factor is accomplished by deducting this percentage of parcels from the total available rural parcels. Note that this rural Market Factor is half of the urban Market Factor of 15% in order to also satisfy the GMA goal of reducing low density sprawl.
8	A 27.7% infrastructure deduction for infrastructure including roads, storm water, parks, schools, fire stations, conservation areas, lakes, streams, protected buffers, Etc.. A 0% deduction shall be used for rural areas.	Same