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- Good standards to reduce expansion of and impacts of over-water development along the water's edges.
- Preferences to keep development that doesn't need to be next to the water away from the water.

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