

## Rural Character Series Introduction

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Many people are attracted to the rural atmosphere of a community. Rural character can be easily adapted into urban environments to provide a sense of openness and pastoral charm. This series includes photos of several different rural types. While viewing these photos you may choose to consider how the following keywords apply to each photo. Then, consider how these keywords may apply to similar, present and future rural areas within your community.

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Rural Definition:

A sparsely developed area where the land is primarily used for farming, forestry, resource extraction, very low-density residential uses, or open space uses. (*Renton, Washington*)

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Keywords:

community gardens, equestrian uses, farmland, forestry, green, horse property, low population, low-density development, open space, primarily agricultural land use, sparse development