

15E.18 Cities, counties, and regions site preparation for targeted economic development.

1. For purposes of this section, "*region*" means a group of two or more contiguous counties that establishes a single, focused economic development effort.

2. A city, county, or region, subject to the approval of the property owner, may designate an area within the boundaries of the city, county, or region for a specific type of targeted economic development. The specific type of targeted economic development shall be one of the following:

a. Manufacturing.

b. Light industrial.

c. Warehouse and distribution.

d. Office parks.

e. Business and commerce parks.

f. Research and development.

3. A city, county, or region that designates an area for a specific type of targeted economic development may apply to the department for purposes of certifying the area as a preapproved development site. The department shall develop criteria for the certification process.

4. Prior to a specific project being developed, a city, county, or region designating the area for targeted economic development pursuant to this section may apply for and obtain appropriate licenses, permits, and approvals for the type of targeted economic development project desired for the area.

2003 Acts, ch 158, §1; 2003 Acts, 1st Ex, ch 1, §130, 133

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