The Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development has created LUROC to establish a focal point for scientists and educators who are addressing the increasingly complex emerging land use issues in the Northeast region.

The population of the Northeast US is forecast to grow by 5.6 million people over the next 20 years. To accommodate this growth, 2.3 million additional housing units will have to be built.

It is becoming clear that if we continue to build and place homes haphazardly on the urban fringe, as we have in the past, that the economic, environmental, social and health-related problems that we are now experiencing will become increasingly severe.

Even as traffic congestion and other factors threaten the population’s health, working landscapes are destroyed and public concern about the future role of agriculture in the region is increasing.

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Investments in Land Use Workshops & Products: 2001-2004

2001
- Farming on-the-Fringe Conference: Do Regulations Work? (co-sponsor with Swank Center, Ohio State)

2002
- Land Use Research Agenda-Setting Conference
  - Edited Book (2005)
  - S. Goetz, et al.
- NAREA* Land Use Policy Workshop: Conserving Farm and Forest in a Changing Rural Landscape
  - R. Johnston

2003
- Extension Prioritization of Land Use Issues Workshop
  - S. Goetz and T. Kelsey
- Galaxy II Conference Powerpoints
- NAREA* Linkages Between Agricultural and Conservation Policies Workshop
  - S. Goetz, et al.
- What the Public Values About Farmland Conference, with USDA and Farm Foundation
  - L. Lynch and J. Duke

2004
- Extension Land Use Follow-Up Conference
  - NEELUN Northeast Extension Land Use Network Tools Inventory/Gap Core Competencies
    - P. Marshall, R. Howe and T. Collins
- LUROC: Land Use Research and Outreach Consortium
  - www.cas.nercrd.psu.edu/LUROC.htm

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