

**Why Monitor Critical Areas Regulations?**  
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The participants broke out into small groups to discuss why a local government would want to monitor critical areas permit implementation or effectiveness. Ideas generated were:

- Data is better than anecdote
- Provide area-wide trends over the system
- Are the regulations being implemented?
- Opportunities for education – fewer grumpy applicants
- Could lead to performance-based standards
- Inform needed changes
- Determine what you don't need to make citizens do
- Identify the risk of development pattern to people and ecological function
- Inform the inter-relatedness of regulations
- Cross-team improvements
- Mitigate legal liability
- Update critical areas inventory and status
- Foster support from applicants
- Contingency plans – building in flexibility