FIGURE 2. Large Amounts of Open Space in the Path of Development: Counties with the Largest Amount of Open Space Projected to be Developed through 2025 under Existing Sprawl Patterns

These 20 counties in the nation’s 35 fastest growing large metro areas are projected to lose the greatest amount of open space to development through 2025. Projections of future development are based on Woods & Poole population projections and recent development densities. See Data Sources and Methodology, below.