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**Abstract:** This paper investigates the conditions under which thin exurban land markets generate an incentive for leapfrog development. We provide empirical evidence that suggests the presence of thinly traded land market in rural areas. With the development of a theoretical model about household location in a thinly traded land market, we propose a new alternative mechanism of

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