Rating System for FY 17 LAND Conservation Acquisition Projects

CATEGORY	*Description*	*Max points*
DEMOGRAPHICS (50%)		
Median income	Figures obtained from MISER and put into rank order by DCS	15
Environmental Justice community	Determined by DCS	1- 5
Population growth rate	No growth/loss 0-3.9% 4-7.9% 8-11.9% 12-15.9% ≥16% 0 4 6 8 9 10	10
Availability of open space	Percent of protected open space in project census tract Project will be ranked relative to other applications and rated accordingly 0 -10	10
Seasonal population	% seasonal increase in resident population: 0-9% 10-24% 25-49% 50% or more 0 1 3 5	5
SCORP – proximity to population	Land near home: Population density of census tract in which property is located (ppl/mile^2): < 0.5 0.5 – 0.9 1 – 1.9 2 – 2.9 3 + 1 2 3 4 5	5
PROJECT QUALITY (50%)		
Landscape Conservation	Total acreage protected Fewer than 10 10-24 25-49 50-99 >100 0 1 2 3 4	10
	Proposed project abuts protected open space (50+ acres) or proposed project will serves as a potential catalyst for the conservation of 50+ adjacent acres. Yes – 2 No - 0	
	How significant will the subject parcel's resource value be impacted if parcel is developed? High Impact Medium Impact Low Impact 4 2 1	
Biodiversity and Resource Protection	Percentage of the project within NHESP BioMap2 Core Habitat and Critical Natural Landscape 100 -75% 74 – 50% 49 – 25% 24 -1% 4 3 2 1	9
	Percentage of the project located in an area identified as conducive to climate change adaptation and resiliency in terms of landscape complexity and permeability/connectivity or implementation of resiliency best practices. 100 -75% 74 – 50% 49 – 25% 24 -1% 5 4 2 1	
Recreational Opportunities	Number of goals, objectives, or action plan items in the OSRP that project advances: 5 or more items 2-4 items 1 or fewer items 2 1 0	14
	Recreational opportunities provided (these should be checked on site visit). Excellent Good Marginal No Wilderness activities (camping, hunting, etc) ..... 5 4 2 0 Trail-based activities (hiking, etc)..... 3 2 1 0 Historic, cultural, or environmental education..... 2 1 0 Water-based activities (canoeing, skating, etc) ..... 1 0.5 0 Community gardens..... 1 0.5 0	
Water Resources	Portion of project 0 - 300 ft from Ocean, Lake, Pond, River, Stream, Wetland, or within existing drinking water supply area (Zone I/II or Zone A/B) or high or medium yield aquifer: >51% 1-50% 0% 4 2 0	4
Working Lands	Property will start or continue active forest/farm management? Must demonstrate clear intention to have these uses (1 point each) Agriculture Forest management (must have plan, or demonstrate clear intention to get one)	2
Stewardship Capacity	Applicant has proven capacity to carry-out proper future stewardship of land held in fee or CR Excellent Good Average 3 2 1	1- 3
Distribution of state resources	Applicant has not received a LAND grant in the past five grant rounds	4
Overall project quality	Excellent Very Good Good Average 4 3 2 1	4
TOTAL		**100**
Bonus Points – Community Compact Agreement		
Community Compact	Applicant has signed the Community Compact Agreement Yes – 2 No - 0	2