

## Attachment B

### FY 27 CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP GRANT - RESPONSE REVIEW RATING SYSTEM 100 TOTAL POINTS

#### I. Organizational Characteristics (16 points maximum)

- 1.) Applicant currently protects land in fee ownership and/or under CRs and has policies or procedures that guide the land acquisition process:
  - Yes = 1 pt
  - No = 0 pts
- 2.) Applicant has proven capacity to properly steward fee or CR protected lands or has experienced partner(s) that will provide needed assistance:
  - Yes = 2 pts
  - No = 0 pts
- 3.) Number of full-time equivalent (FTE) staff:
  - 0-2 FTE = 6 pts
  - 3-5 = 5 pts
  - 6-7 = 3 pts
  - 8-10 = 1 pt
- 4.) Articles of incorporation specifically state permanent land protection, land conservation, recreation as one of its missions:
  - Yes = 4 pts
  - No = 0 pts
- 5.) Organization has documents or policies that address the disposition of land and/or CRs in the event the organization can no longer steward and administer them:
  - Yes = 3 pts
  - No = 0 pts

#### II. Land Protection (15 points maximum)

- 1.) Total acreage protected (via purchase and/or donation):
  - >20 acres = 11 pts
  - 15-19 acres = 9 pts
  - 10-14 acres = 7 pts
  - 7-9 acres = 5 pts
  - 2-7 acres = 3 pts
  - <2 acres = 1 pt
- 2.) Proposed project abuts or links other protected open space:
  - Abuts >25 acres of protected open space = 4 pts
  - Abuts 11-24 acres of protected open space = 2 pts
  - Abuts 1-10 acres of protected open space = 1 pt

#### III. Biodiversity and Natural Resource Protection (25 points maximum)

- 1.) Project is within designated NHESP BioMap Core Habitat, Critical Natural Landscape, or abuts designated lands:
  - >75% is designated = 6 pts
  - 51%-75% is designated = 5 pts
  - 26%-50% is designated = 3 pts
  - 1%-25% is designated = 2 pts
  - Project abuts designated lands = 1 pt
- 2.) Project protects BioMap Forest Core, or abuts designated lands:
  - >50% is BioMap Forest Core = 5 pts
  - 1%-50% is BioMap Forest Core = 3 pts
  - Project abuts BioMap Forest Core = 1 pt
- 3.) What is the average 2020 forest carbon value as identified in [TNC's Forest Carbon 2020 Map](#)?
  - >105 mt C / forested ac = 5 pts

93-105 mt C / forested ac = 4 pts  
82-93 mt C / forested ac = 3 pts  
73-82 mt C / forested ac = 2 pts  
<73 mt C / forested ac = 1 pt

4.) How does the property rank for climate change resiliency according to [TNC's mapping score](#)?

Most resilient = 4 pts  
More resilient = 2 pts  
Slightly more resilient = 1 pts  
Average or median = 0

5.) How significantly will the subject parcel's resource value be impacted by its development (rating determined based on how this application compares to others received)?

High impact = 5 pts  
Medium impact = 3 pts  
Low impact = 1 pt

#### **IV. Working Farms and Forests (7 point maximum)**

1.) The majority of the project parcel(s) will remain (or be) enrolled in one or more of the following programs:

Chapter 61 = 2 points  
Chapter 61A = 2 points  
Forest Stewardship program = 1 point

2.) The project parcel will conserve forested or agricultural lands:

Yes = 4  
No = 0

#### **V. Recreational Opportunities (22 points maximum)**

1.) Project provides public recreational opportunities (especially those that go above and beyond to provide access for people with disabilities):

Yes (3 pts)      Marginal (2pts)      No (0pts)  
Group activities (eg, nature study, fitness classes, picnicking)  
Wilderness activities (eg, camping, hunting)  
Trail-based activities (ie, hiking, biking, walking)  
Water-based activities (eg, swimming, kayaking, fishing)

2.) Does the project serve an under-served area for outdoor recreation (rating determined by the amount of protected open space per capita and how it compares to other applications received)?

High impact = 4 pts  
Medium impact = 3 pts  
Low impact = 1 pts

3.) Project meets priorities, goals, or objectives identified in the community's Open Space and Recreation Plan

Yes = 2 pts  
No = 0

4.) Project meets priorities, goals, or objectives identified in the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

Yes = 1, 2, 3, or 4 pts  
No = 0

#### **VI. Overall Project Quality and Importance (15 points)**

1.) What is the overall quality and importance of the proposed project?

High = 8-12 pts  
Medium = 4-7 pts  
Low = 0-3 pts

2.) Is the project located in a mapped [Burdened Area](#)?

Yes = 3  
No = 0