

**RATING SYSTEM for FY22 LAND Grant Program Projects**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Max points</b>																										
<b>DEMOGRAPHICS (40%)</b>																												
Median income	Figures obtained from MISER and put into rank order by DCS	1-13																										
Environmental Justice community	Determined by DCS	0 - 6																										
Population growth rate between 2010 to 2020	No growth/loss      0-3.9%      4-7.9%      8-11.9%      12-15.9%      ≥16% 0                              1                              2                              3                              4                              5	0-5																										
Availability of open space	Percent of protected open space in municipality where property is located. Project located in municipality with less open space relative to other applications will receive more points.	0 - 6																										
Seasonal population	% seasonal increase in resident population: 0-9%      10-24%      25-49%      50% or more 0              1                              3                              4	0 - 4																										
SCORP – proximity to population	Land near home: population density of municipality where property is located (ppl/mile <sup>2</sup> ). Project located in municipality with higher population density relative to other applications will receive more points.	0 - 4																										
Housing Choice Community	Applicant has been designated as a Housing Choice Community	2																										
<b>PROJECT QUALITY (60%)</b>																												
Landscape Conservation	Total acreage protected >100.0      50.0-99.9      25.0-49.9      10.0-24.9      Fewer than 10.0 5                              4                              3                              2                              1	12																										
	Proposed project abuts protected open space (0.1-50+ acres) or proposed project will serve as a potential catalyst for the conservation of 0.1-50+ acres of adjacent land 0.1-12      13-25      26-50      50+ 0.5              1                              1.5                              2																											
	How significantly will the subject parcel's resource value be impacted if parcel is developed? Project will be ranked relative to other application received and rated accordingly. High Impact      Medium Impact      Low Impact 5                              3                              1																											
Biodiversity and Resource Protection	Percentage of the project within NHESP BioMap2 Core Habitat or Critical Natural Landscape 100.0 -80.0%      79.9 – 60.0%      59.9 – 40.0%      39.9 -20.0%      19.9 – 1% 5                              4                              3                              2                              1	9																										
	The climate resilient value of the project location as defined by TNC's Resilient Site Map. Project will be scored according to the following categories used by TNC to rank Resilience Scores: Less than Average      Average      Slightly Above Average      Above Average      Far Above Average 0                              2                              2.5                              3                              4																											
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 3                              1                              0	16																										
	Recreational opportunities provided (these will be verified at the site visit). <table border="0"> <tr> <td></td> <td>Good</td> <td>Marginal</td> <td>None</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wilderness activities (camping, hunting, etc.) .....</td> <td>3</td> <td>2</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Trail-based activities* (hiking, etc.).....</td> <td>3</td> <td>2</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Historic or cultural interpretation, or environmental education.....</td> <td>2</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Water-based activities (canoeing, skating, etc.) .....</td> <td>2</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Community gardens.....</td> <td>2</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wilderness activities (camping, hunting, etc.) .....</td> <td>1</td> <td>0.5</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </table> *Accessible Trail gets maximum points under trail-based activities			Good	Marginal	None	Wilderness activities (camping, hunting, etc.) .....	3	2	0	Trail-based activities* (hiking, etc.).....	3	2	0	Historic or cultural interpretation, or environmental education.....	2	1	0	Water-based activities (canoeing, skating, etc.) .....	2	1	0	Community gardens.....	2	1	0	Wilderness activities (camping, hunting, etc.) .....	1
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Water Resources	Percentage of project within surface drinking water supply Zones A/B or ground drinking water supply Zones I/II or a high or medium yield aquifer: >51%      50.9 - 1%      0% 2                              1                              0	2																										
Working Lands	Will property start or continue active forest/farm management? Must demonstrate clear intention to continue or begin these uses (1.5 points for each use started, 1.5 points for each use continued)	6																										
Stewardship Capacity	Applicant has proven capacity to carry out proper future stewardship of land held in fee or CR based on demonstrated activities. Excellent      Good      Average 3                              2                              1	3																										
Public Meeting	Municipality has conducted a public meeting on project with demonstrated enhanced outreach to Environmental Justice populations.	2																										
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 6                              4                              2                              1	6																										
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100</b>																										
<b>Bonus Points – Community Compact Agreement/MVP Program</b>																												
Community Compact	Applicant has signed the Community Compact Agreement with Environmental Best Practices. Yes – 2      No - 0	2																										
Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program	Applications rated in the top two-thirds are eligible for up to 5 points IF it is a MVP community AND the MVP plan includes priority implementation project(s) relevant to land conservation, such as tree planting or land acquisitions in floodplains. If the MVP plan has no connections to land conservation, it will not receive extra points	1 – 5																										