

Attachment B
FY 26 CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP GRANT - RESPONSE REVIEW
RATING SYSTEM
100 TOTAL POINTS

I. Organizational Characteristics (13 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:
Yes = 2 pts
No = 0 pts
- 3.) Number of full-time equivalent (FTE) staff:
0-3 FTE = 3 pts
4-7 = 2 pts
8-11 = 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):
>25 acres = 11 pts
20-24 acres = 9 pts
14-19 acres = 7 pts
8-13 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 (26 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 is within designated NHESP BioMap Local Landscapes, or abuts designated lands:
>50% is Local Landscapes = 5 pts
1%-50% is Local Landscapes = 3 pts
Project abuts Local Landscapes = 1 pt
- 3.) 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
- 4.) How does the property rank for climate change resiliency according to [TNC's mapping score](#)?
Most resilient = 5 pts
More resilient = 3 pts
Slightly more resilient = 1 pt
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 (23 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)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wilderness activities (eg, camping, hunting)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trail-based activities (ie, hiking, biking, walking)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water-based activities (eg, swimming, kayaking, fishing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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 = 5 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 (16 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 within a designated [Environmental Justice population?](#)

Yes = 4

No = 0