

NH NRCS 2012 FARM AND RANCH LAND PROTECTION PROGRAM RANKING SHEET

The NRCS Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP) establishes partnerships with state agencies, local units of government, and non-profit organizations to purchase conservation easements on privately owned farmland. Applications received by NRCS are prioritized based on the ranking criteria represented in this spreadsheet.

Please complete the following information for the Primary Entity

Primary Entity Name: <small>(EW part 1A)</small>		Entity Contact Number: <small>(EW part 1H)</small>	
Entity Contact Name: <small>(EW part 1F)</small>		Entity Contact Email: <small>(EW part 1I)</small>	
Entity Contact Address: <small>(EW part 1E)</small>			
<i>Street</i>		<i>City/Town, State, Zip</i>	

Please complete the following information for the Secondary Entity, if applicable.

Secondary Entity Name: <small>(EW part 2A)</small>	N/A	Entity Contact Number: <small>(EW part 2H)</small>	N/A
Entity Contact Name: <small>(EW part 2F)</small>	N/A	Entity Contact Email: <small>(EW part 2I)</small>	N/A
Entity Contact Address: <small>(EW part 2E)</small>	N/A		
<i>Street</i>		<i>City/Town, State, Zip</i>	

Please complete the following information for the Landowner

Landowner Name <small>(PW part 1 A)</small>		Landowner Point of Contact <small>(PW part 2 C)</small>	
Landowner Address <small>(PW part 1 B)</small>		Landowner Point of Contact Phone Number <small>(PW part 2 F or PW part 1 C)</small>	
		Landowner Point of Contact Email <small>(PW part 2 F or PW part 1 C)</small>	
<i>Street City</i>		<i>Town, State, Zip</i>	
<i>Note: The Landowner and Landowner contact may be the same person</i>			

Parcel Name (PW part 2A):

Parcel County Location (PW part 2B):

Eligibility Criteria

If the answer to any of the following criteria is "no", the application is ineligible for consideration.

<p>1. Entity qualifies as either an eligible or a certified entity: Yes ___ No___ <small>(EW)</small></p> <p>2. Local matching funds are available at application: Yes___ No___ <small>(confirmation of matching funds, EW part 1S)</small></p> <p>3. Is parcel privately owned: Yes___ No___ <small>(warranty deed, PW part 6B)</small></p> <p>4. Landowners meet income eligibility (AGI) requirements: Yes___ No___ <small>(CCC-931, PW part 1E)</small></p> <p>5. Landowners meet HEL and Wetland Criteria: Yes___ No___ <small>(AD-1026, PW part 1D)</small></p> <p>6. Parcel has a valid purchase and sales agreement at the time of application: Yes___ No___ <small>(written pending offer, EW part 1R)</small></p> <p>7. Total forest cover is 66% or less: Yes___ No___ <small>(PW part 3G)</small></p>	<p>8. Parcel meets at least one of the following 3 qualifying criteria: 1) Has a minimum of 50% Important Farmland Soils; 2) OR Has documentation of a historic or archaeological resource(s) listed, previously listed, or eligible for listing on the National or State Register of Historic Places; 3) OR Supports State Conservation Initiative, see question in state ranking criteria (pg3 of this ranking sheet). Yes___ No___ <small>(PW part 3F and 5A or 5B or 5C)</small></p> <p>9. Please check one of the following: A) Total Parcel is ≥ 200 acres: ___ at least 20% of parcel is contiguous forestland B) Total Parcel is ≤ 200 acres: ___ at least 40 acres of parcel is contiguous forestland C) Parcel's forestland does not meet above criteria ___ No forestland or does not meet above criteria <small>(PW part 3A, 3G, 3K and 7D)</small></p>
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National Ranking Criteria

Category	Criteria	Maximum Points	Parcel Data	Points Assigned
Resource Features	Percent (acres) of parcel containing prime farmland soils, soils of statewide or unique agricultural importance, or locally important agricultural land. SCALE: 2 points/percent for prime; 1 points/percent for statewide or unique; 0.5 point/percent for locally important soils; and 0 points for non important soil (maximum of 200 points) (PW part 3B, 3C, 3D and 3E)	200		
	Percent of total offered acres in the following land uses: cropland, pastureland, grassland, or rangeland. SCALE: 0 points for less than 33%; 1 point for every % over 33% up to 50 points maximum. (PW part 3P)	50		
	Ratio of total acres of eligible land in parcel to average county farm size. (PW part 2B, part 3A and the 2007 Ag Census) SCALE: Less than county avg. = 0 points; Equal to county avg. = 25 points; Greater than county avg. = 50 points	50		
	Maximum Points for Resource Factors	300		0
Development Pressure Factors	Population Change, 2000 (U.S. Census) - 2010 (U.S. Census) SCALE: Greater than NH average (6.5%) = 100 Points; Less than NH average = 0 points (PW part 2B + 200 U.S Census and 2010 U.S. Census)	100		
	Population Density (Persons per Square Mile, 2010 (U.S. Census)). SCALE: Greater than NH average (147.0) = 100 points; Less than NH average = 0 points (PW part 2B +2010 U.S. census)	100		
	Between the 2002 (Ag Census) and the 2007 (Ag Census), there has been a decrease in the % of farm and ranch land in the county where the parcel is located. SCALE: Yes = 10 points; No = 0 points (PW part 2B , 2002 Ag Census and 2007 Ag Census)	10		
	Maximum for Development Pressure Factors	210		0
Infrastructure Factors	Proximity of parcel to other protected lands. SCALE: Directly abuts parcel = 100 points; Within 2500' of parcel = 50 points; 2501' to mile from parcel = 25 points; Greater than 1 mile = 0 points (PW part 7A)	100		
	Proximity of parcel to other agricultural operations or infrastructure (such as retail stores that sell local products, Tractor Supply, Agway or Blue Seal Feed stores, tractor and equipment dealerships or repair facilities, or other working farmlands not owned by the FRPP applicant). (PW part 7B) SCALE: within 1 mile = 50 points; 1 to 5 miles = 25 points; 6 to 10 miles = 10 points; greater than 10 miles = 0 points	50		
	Maximum Points for Infrastructure Factors	150		0
Maximum Points for National Criteria		660		0

State Ranking Criteria

Category	Criteria	Maximum Points	Parcel Data	Points Assigned
Cultural Resources Factors	The parcel is currently listed, was listed, or is eligible for listing on the <u>National Register of Historic Places</u> . SCALE: Yes = 75 points (if yes, provide date of listing); No = 0 points (PW part 5B)	75		
	The parcel contains a site(s) of cultural or historical significance that is currently listed, was listed, or is eligible for listing on the <u>NH Department of Historic Resources</u> : SCALE: Yes = 50 points; No = 0 points (PW part 5B)	50		
	Maximum Points for Cultural Resource Factors	125		0
Additional Factors	Was the easement purchase price determined by a full appraisal, summary appraisal an Opinion of Value or an Appraisal Consulting Assignment (subject to USPAP regulations for the development and reporting of real property appraisal consulting) completed by a NH licensed appraiser? (copy of determination of value is required) SCALE yes = 100 points No = 0 points (PW part 4Q)	100		
	Is the cooperating entity able to leverage more than the required 50 percent matching (cash) funds? SCALE: 1 point for every % above 50%, max. 25 points (PW part 4H, 4L and 4M)	25		
	Is your parcel within the boundaries of one of the following targeted state initiative projects: Quabbin to Cardigan, Upper Ammonoosuc and Israel Watersheds, Connecticut River, Merrimack River, Saco River or Great Bay. <i>Determination to be made by NRCS</i> . (Aerial map - PW part 6A) 50pts	50		
	Wildlife Action Plan Tiers Highest Ranked Habitat in NH 100 Pts or Highest Ranked Habitat in Biological Region 60 Pts or Supporting Landscape 40 Pts (PW part 7C)	100		
	Maximum Points for Additional Factors	275		0
Maximum Points for State Criteria		400		0

Total Ranking Score - 1060 possible points

Total Score for National Criteria:	0	Total Score for State Criteria:	0	Total Combined Score:	0
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U.S Census data for 2012 FRPP Ranking

Data from 2007 Census of Agriculture, 2000 U.S. Population Census and 2010 U.S Population Census

COUNTY NAME	AVG. FARM SIZE (AC.) (2007 Ag. Census)	% CONVERSION TO NONAG. USE (2002 - 2007) (2007 Ag. Census)	% POPULATION CHANGE (2000 census to 2010 census)	POPULATION DENSITY (PERSONS PER SQUARE MILE) (2010 Census)
BELKNAP	87	0	6.7	150.1
CARROLL	117	8	9.5	51.4
CHESHIRE	115	17	4.5	109.1
COOS	194	15	-0.2	18.4
GRAFTON	181	17	9	52.2
HILLSBOROUGH	82	25	5.2	457.4
MERRIMACK	111	-18	7.5	156.8
ROCKINGHAM	57	6	6.4	425
STRAFFORD	85	-23	9.7	333.7
SULLIVAN	147	20	8.1	81.4
NH % Population Change 2000 census - 2010 census = 6.5%				
NH Population Density in 2010= 147.0				

Google "Census of Agriculture"

click on the most current census webiste. As of the date of this ranking sheet

it is: <http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/>

click on the "state and county profiles"

click on "New Hampshire"

click on each county

first column in the table above comes from "average size of farm" (acres)

second column in table above comes from "land in farms" (%)

<http://www.census.gov/>

locate the "Data Finders" box on the right side of the screen

locate the "Find An Area Profile with QuickFacts" select "NH" from the drop down menu

you should now be on a new screen

select which county you want information on

"population change" is 2nd line down from the top

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"persons per square mile" is 2nd line up from the bottom