

NH NRCS 2013 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; 1.5 points/percent for statewide or unique; 1 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: 1 point for each acre. Maximum 100 pts. (PW part 3P)	100		
	Ratio of total acres of eligible land in parcel to average county farm size. SCALE: Less than county avg. = 0 points; Equal to or greater than county avg. = 25 points (PW part 2B, part 3A and the 2007 Ag Census)	25		
	Maximum Points for Resource Factors	325		0
Development Pressure Factors	Population Change, 2000 (U.S. Census) - 2010 (U.S. Census) (NH average =6.5%). SCALE: Population change is county based. 1 point for each 0.05% over the state population change average. Maximum of 70pts. <small>(PW part 2B + 200 U.S. Census and 2010 U.S. Census)</small>	70		
	Population Density (Persons per Square Mile, 2010 (U.S. Census)).NH average =147.0 persons/sq. mile. SCALE: Population Density is county based. 1 point for each person/sq. mile over the state average. Maximum of 50pts. <small>(PW part 2B +2010 U.S. census)</small>	50		
	Percent Conversion to Non-Agricultural Use between the 2002 (Ag Census) and the 2007 (Ag Census). SCALE: Percent Conversion is county based. 3 points for every % point of conversion of ag. land to non-ag. land. Maximum of 70pts. <small>(PW part 2B , 2002 Ag Census and 2007 Ag Census)</small>	70		
	Maximum for Development Pressure Factors	190		0
Infrastructure Factors	Proximity of parcel to other protected lands. Distance measured in a straight line from the closest point on the parcel and the closet point on the nearest protected lands parcel. SCALE: Directly abuts parcel = 80 points; if parcel is non-abutting then 1 point is subtracted from the maximum 80 points for every 66 feet from the nearest protected parcel. Parcels > 1 mile away from protected lands = 0 points. (PW part 7A)	80		
	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, CSA, Farmer's Markets, or other working farmlands not owned by the FRPP applicant). Distance measured as driving distance along roadways from the location of the agricultural operation or infrastructure to the parcel. SCALE: Directly abuts parcel = 100 points; if parcel is non-abutting then 1 point is subtracted from the maximum 100 points for every 0.05 miles from the nearest Agricultural operation or infrastructure. Parcels > 5 mile away from Ag. operations or infrastucure = 0 points.(PW part 7B)	100		
	Maximum Points for Infrastructure Factors	180		0
Maximum Points for National Criteria		695		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 National Register of Historic Places . (if yes, provide date of listing; documentation is required) SCALE: Yes = 100 points; No = 0 points (PW part 5B)	100		
	The parcel contains a site(s) of cultural or historical significance that is currently listed, was listed, or is eligible for listing on the NH Department of Historic Resources . (if yes, provide date of listing; documentation is required) SCALE: Yes = 75 points; No = 0 points (PW part 5B)	75		
	Maximum Points for Cultural Resource Factors	175		0
Additional Factors	At the time of application, was the easement purchase price completed by a NH licensed appraiser, and 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)? (copy of determination of value is required) SCALE: yes = 50 points No = 0 points (PW part 4Q)	50		
	Is the cooperating entity able to leverage more than the 50% of Appraised Fair Market Value? (this does not include bargain sales on behalf of the landowner, also known as landowner donations) SCALE: 2 points for every % above 50% match, maximum of. 50 points (PW part 4H, 4L and 4M)	50		
	Is your parcel within the boundaries of one of the following targeted state initiative areas: Quabbin to Cardigan, Upper Ammonoosuc and Israel Watersheds, Connecticut River, Merrimack River, Saco River or Great Bay/Salmon Falls focus areas? <i>Determination to be made by NRCS.</i> SCALE: yes = 100 points No = 0 points (Aerial map - PW part 6A)	100		
	Wildlife Action Plan Tiers SCALE: Highest Ranked Habitat in NH (2 points / acre) Highest Ranked Habitat in Biological Region (1 point / acre) Supporting Landscape (0.5 points/acre) Maximum of 50 points allowed (PW part 7C)	50		
	Maximum Points for Additional Factors	250		0
Maximum Points for State Criteria		425		0

Total Ranking Score possible points: 1120

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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