

FY 23 ACEP - Agricultural Land Easement Parcel Eligibility and Ranking

Ranking Date _____	Parcel Name _____	County _____
Fiscal Year 2023		
Landowner Name and Address		
Eligible entities names and addresses		
Parcel Location:	Locality (Town/Township):	
County:	State:	
Does the eligible entity have a written pending offer for the parcel? (Y/N)		
Which land eligibility criteria is the land being enrolled under? <i>(Identify only one eligibility category)</i>		
NRCS employee completing ranking form:		
Name:	Signature:	
Entity completing ranking form:		
Name:	Signature:	
		Point total:

NATIONAL FACTORS/PROGRAM	Scoring	Max Points
<p>1. Percent of prime, unique, and important farmland in the parcel to be protected http://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 0 points for 50 percent or less ▪ 26 points for 50-75 percent ▪ 52 points for 75-100 percent 		52
<p>2. Percent of cropland, pastureland and grassland in the parcel to be protected</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 0 points for 33 percent or less ▪ 25 points for 33-50 percent ▪ 50 points for greater than 50% 		50
<p>3. Ratio of the total acres of land in the parcel to be protected to average farm size in the county according to the most recent USDA Census of Agriculture www.agcensus.usda.gov</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 0 points for a ratio of less than 1 ▪ 10 points for ratios of 1.0 to 2.0 ▪ 20 points for ratios of greater than 2.0 		20
<p>4. Decrease in the percentage of acreage of farmland in the county in which the parcel is located between the last two USDA Censuses of Agriculture www.agcensus.usda.gov</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 0 points for decrease of 0 percent or less ▪ 15 points for decreases of 1 to 5 percent ▪ 20 points for decrease of 5 to 10 percent ▪ 15 points for decreases of 10 to 15 percent ▪ 0 points for decreases of 15 percent or more 		20
<p>5. Decrease in the percentage of acreage of permanent grassland/pasture in the county in which the parcel is located between the last two USDA Censuses of Agriculture www.agcensus.usda.gov</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 0 points for decrease of 0 percent or less ▪ 5 points for decreases of 1 to 5 percent ▪ 10 points for decrease of 5 to 10 percent ▪ 5 points for decreases of 10 to 15 percent ▪ 0 points for decreases of 15 percent or more 		10
<p>6. Percent population growth in the county as documented by the United States Census www.census.gov</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 0 points for growth rate of less than Indiana's growth rate ▪ 5 points for growth rate of more than 1 but less than 2 times Indiana's growth rate ▪ 10 points for growth rate 2-3 times ▪ 0 points for growth rate of more than 3 times 		10

<p>7. Population density of the county where the proposed easement area is located (population per square mile) as documented by the most recent United States Census (www.census.gov)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 0 points for less than Indiana’s pop. density ▪ 10 points for more than 1 but less than or equal to 2 times Indiana’s population density ▪ 18 points for more than 2 but less than or equal to 3 times Indiana’s population density ▪ 0 points for population density of more than 3 times Indiana’s population density 		18
<p>8. Existence of a farm or ranch succession plan or similar plan established to address farm viability for future generations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 10 points if a plan is developed ▪ 0 points if no plan is developed 		10
<p>9. Proximity of the parcel to other protected land, including military installations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 0 points for less than 250 acres of protected land that is within one mile of the boundary of the parcel ▪ 16 points for 250-500 acres of protected land that is within one mile of the boundary of the parcel ▪ 27 points for more than 500 acres of protected land that is within one mile of the boundary of the parcel 		27
<p>10. Proximity of the parcel to other agricultural operations and infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 0 points for less than 250 acres of other agricultural operations within one mile of the boundary of the parcel ▪ 15 points for 250-500 acres of other agricultural operations within one mile of the boundary of the parcel ▪ 25 points for more than 500 acres of other agricultural operations within one mile of the boundary of the parcel 		25
<p>11. Parcel ability to maximize the protection of contiguous acres devoted to agricultural use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 15 points if parcel links two noncontiguous corridors of protected agricultural use ▪ 5 points if parcel expands agriculture use protected area ▪ 0 points if parcel does not increase a protected agricultural use area 		15

12. Parcel currently enrolled in a CRP contract set to expire within a year and is grassland that would benefit from protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 10 points if the parcel is currently enrolled in CRP ▪ 0 points if the parcel is NOT enrolled in CRP 		10
13. The grassland in the parcel is of <u>special significance</u> and will benefit from the protection under a long-term easement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 10 points if the parcel is GSS ▪ 0 points if not 		10
14. Percentage of the fair market value of the agricultural land easement that is the eligible entity's own cash resources for payment of the easement to the landowner and comes from other sources than the landowner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35 points for 50% of estimated FMV • 20 points for 30-50% • 10 points for 10-30% • 0 points for less than 10% 		35
STATE FACTORS/RESOURCE		
15. State Additional Conservation Value: Parcel is identified as a Historically Significant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 25 points if on National or State Historic Register ▪ 15 points if parcel holds status as an Indiana Centennial Farm ▪ 0 points for "no" 		20
16. An ALE conservation plan will be provided by the entity and included as a perpetual requirement to update and follow as part of the Warranty Easement Deed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 40 points for Yes ▪ 0 points for No 		40
17. State Efficiency: Parcel being offered is at least the following contiguous acres <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23 points 80 acres or more • 10 points 40-80 acres • 0 points less than 40 acres 		23
18. At least one landowner qualifies under CRP-TIP. (NRCS must evaluate this) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 points for yes • 0 points for no 		5
Total Score		400