



Ranking Pool Report

Ranking Pool: FY 2023 ALE Ranking

Program: ACEP

Pool Status: Draft

States: NY (Admin)

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Land Uses and Modifiers

Land Use	Grazed	Wildlife	Irrigated	Hayed	Drained	Organic	Water Feature	Protected	Urban	Aquaculture
Crop	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Forest	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Pasture	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Farmstead	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Water	N/A	--	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Other Rural Land	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Associated Ag Land	--	--	--	--	N/A	--	--	--	--	--

Resource Concern Categories

Categories			
Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss	0	15	50
Long term protection of land	40	75	75
Soil quality limitations	0	10	50

Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss			
Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Nutrients transported to groundwater	0	--	100
Nutrients transported to surface water	0	50	100
Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to groundwater	0	--	100
Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to surface water	0	--	100
Sediment transported to surface water	0	50	100

Long term protection of land

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Threat of conversion	100	100	100

Soil quality limitations

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Aggregate instability	0	--	100
Compaction	0	100	100
Concentration of salts or other chemicals	0	--	100
Organic matter depletion	0	--	100
Soil organism habitat loss or degradation	0	--	100
Subsidence	0	--	100

Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Type
Acquisition Process - Buy-Protect-Sell Transfer	LTAPBPST	Easements
Acquisition Process - Environmental Database Records Search	LTAPERS	Easements
Acquisition Process - Environmental Database Records Search Update	LTAPERSU	Easements
Acquisition Process - Ingress Egress	LTAPIE	Easements
Acquisition Process - Appraisal Technical Review First Review	LTAPTR1	Easements
Acquisition Process - Appraisal Technical Review Second Review	LTAPTR2	Easements
Long-Term Protection of Land - Maximum Duration Allowed by State Law	LTPMAS	Easements
Long-Term Protection of Land - Permanent Easement	LTPPE	Easements

Ranking Weights

Factors	Algorithm	Allowable Min	Default	Allowable Max
Vulnerabilities	Default	5	5	20
Planned Practice Effects	Default	5	5	10
Resource Priorities	Default	35	50	50
Program Priorities	Default	40	40	50
Efficiencies	Default	0	0	0

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 An asterisk will be displayed to show that it is a conditional section or conditional question.

Survey: Applicability Questions

Section: Applicability Question		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is this site located in New York State?	YES	--
	NO	--

Survey: Category Questions

Section: Category Question		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is this application for FY 2023 - NY-ALE General?	YES	--
	NO	--

Survey: Program Questions

Section: Program Questions		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
What is the percent of prime, unique, and important farmland soils in the parcel to be protected	Greater than or equal to 75 percent	30
	50 percent - 74 percent	20
	Less than 50 percent	15
What is the percent of cropland, pastureland, grassland, and rangeland in the parcel to be protected (open Land)	Greater than or equal to 75 percent	25
	50 percent - 74 percent	20
	25 percent - 49 percent	15
What is the 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	less than 25%	5
	The ratio is greater than 2.0	10
	The ratio is greater than or equal to 1.0 and less than or equal to 2.0	7
What is the decrease in the percentage of acreage of farm and ranch land in the county in which the parcel is located between the last two USDA Censuses of Agriculture (USDA - NASS - Census of Agriculture)	The ratio is less than 1.0	5
	Greater than 20 percent	10
	Greater than 10 percent but less than or equal to 20 percent	7
What is the decrease in the percentage of acreage of permanent grassland, pasture, and rangeland, other than cropland and woodland pasture, in the county in which the parcel is located between the last two USDA Censuses of Agriculture	Greater than or equal to 5 percent but less than or equal to 10 percent	5
	Less than 5 percent	3
	Greater than or equal to 20 percent	15
What is the decrease in the percentage of acreage of permanent grassland, pasture, and rangeland, other than cropland and woodland pasture, in the county in which the parcel is located between the last two USDA Censuses of Agriculture	A decrease greater than or equal to 10 percent but less than 20 Percent.	10
	A decrease greater than or equal to 5 percent but less than 10 Percent.	7
	A decrease of less than 5 percent.	5

Section: Program Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
What is the percent population growth in the county as documented by the most recent United States Census (Census Bureau Home Page)	The growth rate is greater than or equal to 3 times the State growth rate	10
	The growth rate is greater than or equal to 2 times and less than 3 times the State growth rate	7
	The growth rate is greater than or equal to 1 time and less than 2 times the State growth rate	5
	The growth rate is less than the State growth rate	2
What is the population density (population per square mile) as documented by the most recent United States Census (Census Bureau Home Page)	The population density is greater than or equal to 2 times the State population density	10
	The population density is less than 2 times the State population density	7
	The population density is less than the State population density	3
Is there an existence of a farm or ranch succession plan or similar plan established to address farm viability for future generations	They have a succession plan or similar plan developed by an industry professional	10
	They have another type of succession plan	5
	They do not have a succession plan	0
What is the proximity of the parcel to other protected land, such as compatible military installations; land owned in fee title by the United States or an Indian Tribe, State or local government, or by a nongovernmental organization whose purpose is to protect agricultural use and related conservation values; or land that is already subject to an easement or deed restriction that limits the conversion of the land to nonagricultural use or protects grazing uses and related conservation value?	The Easement Offer Area (EOA) boundary adjoins the boundary of protected land	15
	The EOA is within 1 mile of protected land	10
	The EOA is greater than 1 mile and less than or equal to 3 miles from protected land	7
	The EOA boundary is greater than 3 miles from protected land	5
What is the proximity of the parcel to other agricultural operations and agricultural infrastructure	The Easement Offer Area (EOA) boundary adjoins at least one other agricultural operation or agricultural infrastructure	15
	The EOA is within 1 mile of other agricultural operations and agricultural infrastructure	10
	The EOA is greater than 1 mile but less than or equal to 3 miles from other agricultural operations and agricultural infrastructure	7
	The EOA boundary is greater than 3 miles from other agricultural operations and agricultural infrastructure	5
What is the parcel's ability to maximize the protection of contiguous acres devoted to agricultural use	The parcel links two non-continuous corridors of protected agricultural use	20
	The parcel expands agricultural use within protected/priority area as delineated by the entity or NYS Ag and Markets	15
	The parcel does not fall within a protected agricultural/priority area as delineated by the entity or NYS Ag and Markets	7
The parcel is a grassland of special environmental significance that will benefit from the protection under the long-term easement	YES	0
	NO	0

Section: Program Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
The parcel is currently enrolled in CRP with a contract that, (1) Expires within a year and contains grassland that would benefit from protection under a long-term easement, or (2) Is land under a CRP contract that is in transition to a covered farmer or rancher pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 3835(f) and such land is farmed wetland and adjoining land that has the highest wetland functions and values and is likely to return to production after the land leaves CRP.	YES	10
	NO	5
The percentage of the Agricultural Land Easement purchase price to be paid to the eligible landowner by the eligible entity or entities as listed on the CPA-41. Does not include a landowner donation.	Contributing greater than or equal to 50 percent	20
	Contributing greater than or equal to 40 percent but less than 50 percent	15
	Contributing greater than or equal to 30 percent but less than 40 percent	10
	Contributing greater than or equal to 20 percent but less than 30 percent	7
	Contributing less than 20 percent	5

Survey: Resource Questions

Section: Resource

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the offered parcel located within an Agricultural District, designated by the county and State-certified?	YES	25
	NO	0
Is the offered parcel located within a Priority Geographic Region?	Lower Hudson/Catskills/Long Island	30
	Finger Lakes/Great Lakes Plain	25
	Upper Hudson/Champlain Valley	20
	Outside Priority Geographic Areas	10
Identify multifunction benefits of farm and ranch land protection, including, (1) Additional resource concerns on the parcel are being addressed with a documented conservation plan meeting criterion supported by a federal, state or local conservation initiative: wildlife habitat protection, air quality and greenhouse gas emission reductions, control of invasive plants, control of gulley erosion, etc. (2) Improvement of natural values, such as the inclusion of special treatment areas, riparian buffers, presence of state or federal T&E species. (3) Other benefits to the local economy such as on-farm sales of product, provides training and education related to food production, and space to hold local events, production of value-added products.	The farm is actively addressing or participating in all three criteria	15
	The farm is actively addressing or participating in two of the three criteria	10
	The farm is actively addressing or participating in one of the three criteria	5
	The farm is not addressing or participating any of the three criteria	0
Does the site contain State-specific factors for grasslands of special environmental significance	YES	0
	NO	0

Section: Resource

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Identify resource management and conservation practices pertaining to - soil, (1) Farm uses cover crops at least one out of three years on all annual cropland or is in permanent hay land. (2) Farm has conservation practices in place to protect against soil erosion to bring soil erosion to (T) at the time of application. (3) Farm uses two or more conservation practices that benefit soil health, for example reduced tillage, cover crops, crop rotation that includes a soil conserving crop, prescribed grazing, or cropland conversion to permanent hay land.	Farm is implementing practices that address all three criteria.	40
	Farm is implementing practices that address criteria 1 and either criteria 2 or 3.	30
	Farm is implementing practices that address criteria 2 and 3.	20
	Farm is implementing practices that address criteria 1.	20
	Farm is implementing practices that address criteria 2 or 3.	10
	Farm is not implementing any practices that address criteria 1, 2 and 3.	0
Identify resource management and conservation practices pertaining to - water quality:	Water quality resource concerns are fully addressed across the parcel or the location/land use of the parcel precludes water quality from being a resource concern.	30
	A water quality resource concern exists but there is evidence (conservation plan, NMP, receiving Technical Assistance) that the issue is being addressed and at least two 4R strategies are being implemented on the farm.	20
	A water quality resource concern exists but no action is being taken to address the issue/s.	0
Parcel contains historical or archaeological resources that will be protected with the placement of an Agricultural Land Easement on the land.	YES	5
	NO	0
Are the landowner/s members of a historically underserved group, such as (1) Limited-Resource Farmer or Rancher, (2) Socially Disadvantaged Farmer, (3) Beginning Farmer or Rancher or (4) Veteran Farmer or Rancher?	YES	10
	NO	0
Eligible entity demonstrates its capacity to manage and enforce easements by, (1) Monitoring easements annually and submitting completed monitoring reports (FRPP/ALE easements) to NRCS each FY. (2) Address violation/s in a timely manner, if applicable.	100% of easements monitored annually	30
	More than or equal 75% but less than 100% of easements monitored annually	20
	More than or equal to 50% but less than 75% of easements annually monitored	10
	Less than 50% monitored annually	0
Have measures been taken to increase the agricultural viability of the parcel?	Pre-emptive purchase rights will be included in the conservation easement deed	15
	Entity conservation easement deed terms address long-term agricultural viability concerns.	15
	Neither	0