



Ranking Pool Report

Ranking Pool: NH FY24 RCPP-ALE UVLT

Program: RCPP-ALE

Pool Status: Active

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Land Uses and Modifiers

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

Resource Concern Categories

Categories			
Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Concentrated erosion	0	5	30
Degraded plant condition	0	5	50
Field pesticide loss	0	5	20
Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss	0	5	50
Livestock production limitation	0	5	50
Long term protection of land	40	45	75
Pest pressure	0	5	20
Salt losses to water	0	5	20
Soil quality limitations	0	5	50
Source water depletion	0	5	40
Storage and handling of pollutants	0	5	40
Wind and water erosion	0	5	40

Concentrated erosion

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Bank erosion from streams, shorelines or water conveyance channels	0	20	100
Classic gully erosion	0	40	100
Ephemeral gully erosion	0	40	100

Degraded plant condition

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Plant productivity and health	0	50	100
Plant structure and composition	0	50	100

Field pesticide loss

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Pesticides transported to groundwater	0	50	100
Pesticides transported to surface water	0	50	100

Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Nutrients transported to groundwater	0	20	100
Nutrients transported to surface water	0	20	100
Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to groundwater	0	20	100
Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to surface water	0	20	100
Sediment transported to surface water	0	20	100

Livestock production limitation

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Feed and forage balance	0	40	100
Inadequate livestock shelter	0	15	100
Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality and distribution	0	45	100

Long term protection of land

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

Pest pressure

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Plant pest pressure	0	100	100

Salt losses to water

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Salts transported to groundwater	0	50	100
Salts transported to surface water	0	50	100

Soil quality limitations

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Aggregate instability	0	15	100
Compaction	0	15	100
Concentration of salts or other chemicals	0	15	100
Organic matter depletion	0	20	100
Soil organism habitat loss or degradation	0	20	100
Subsidence	0	15	100

Source water depletion

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Groundwater depletion	0	35	100
Inefficient irrigation water use	0	35	100
Surface water depletion	0	30	100

Storage and handling of pollutants

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Nutrients transported to groundwater	0	25	100
Nutrients transported to surface water	0	25	100
Petroleum, heavy metals and other pollutants transported to groundwater	0	25	100
Petroleum, heavy metals and other pollutants transported to surface water	0	25	100

Wind and water erosion

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Sheet and rill erosion	0	50	100
Wind erosion	0	50	100

Practices


Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Type
Acquisition Process - Environmental Database Records Search	LTAPERS	Easements
Acquisition Process - Appraisal Technical Review First Review	LTAPTR1	Easements
Acquisition Process - Appraisal Technical Review Second Review	LTAPTR2	Easements

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Type
Long-Term Protection of Land - Permanent Easement	LTPPE	Easements

Ranking Weights

Factors	Algorithm	Allowable Min	Default	Allowable Max
Vulnerabilities	Default	5	15	20
Planned Practice Effects	Default	5	5	10
Resource Priorities	Default	35	40	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	Answer Choices	Points
Is this located in UVLT's RCPP-ALE area?	YES	--
	NO	--

Survey: Category Questions

Section: Category		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is this project located in Upper Valley Land Trust's RCPP-ALE Mission Area (only applies to certain towns in Sullivan and Grafton counties)?	YES	--
	NO	--

Survey: Program Questions

Section: Program Questions		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Percent of the offered parcel containing prime farmland soils, soils of statewide agricultural importance, or locally important agricultural land.	10-30% Prime, Unique, Statewide/Locally Important	20
	31-50% PUSL	40
	51-100% PUSL	60
	<10% PUSL	0

Section: Program Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Presence of cropland, pastureland, or nonindustrial private forest land in parcel to be protected.	Cropland	10
	Pastureland	7
	Forestland	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 (2017) USDA Census of Agriculture.	Less than county average	0
	Equal to or greater than county average	5
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.	Increase	0
	Decrease	5
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.	Increase	0
	Decrease	20
Percent population growth in the county as documented by the U.S. Census. NH average = 1.49% from 2010 to 2018.	Above NH average	3
	Below NH average	0
Population density (population per square mile) as documented by the most recent U.S. Census. NH average = 147 persons/square mile.	Above NH average	2
	Below NH average	0
Existence of a farm or ranch succession plan or similar plan established to address agricultural viability for future generations.	YES	10
	NO	0
Proximity of the parcel to other permanently protected agricultural land. Distance measured in a straight line from the closest point on the offered parcel to the closest point on the nearest protected agricultural parcel.	Directly abuts protected agricultural land	25
	Is less than 2 miles from protected agricultural land	20
	is between 2.1 and 3 miles from protected agricultural land	15
	is between 3.1 and 5 miles from protected agricultural land	10
	Is greater than 5 miles from protected agricultural land	0
Proximity of the parcel to other agricultural operations and agricultural infrastructure.	Directly abuts other ag land OR is within 2 miles of ag infrastructure	20
	Is within 2 miles of other ag land OR between 2.1 and 5 miles from ag infrastructure	10
	is between 2.1 to 5 miles from other ag land OR between 5.1 and 10 miles from ag infrastructure	5
	Is greater than 5 miles from other ag land OR greater than 10 miles from ag infrastructure	0
Does the parcel connect two or more protected parcels devoted to agricultural use?	YES	5
	NO	0
Does the owner(s) meet the NRCS definition of a veteran farmer or rancher (VFR)?	YES	9
	NO	0
Did the owner(s) participate in the CRP Transition Incentives Program (TIP), and has the land included in the ACEP-ALE application come out of CRP within the last two years?	YES	1
	NO	0

Section: Program Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land easement that is the eligible entity's own cash resources for payment of easement compensation to the landowner and comes from sources other than the landowner.	10-25%	5
	26-40%	10
	41-50%	15
	<10%	0

Survey: Resource Questions

Section: Resource Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
The parcel is located on a water body or contains other water resources (such as wetlands, aquifer, and vernal pools).	Located on the Connecticut River or a waterbody listed as impaired or threatened by the NH Surface Water Quality Assessment Program (including, but not limited to, Clark Brook or Sugar River)	45
	Has frontage on another river or perennial stream	35
	Contains other water resources	20
	No water body	0
The parcel contains a site of cultural or historical significance that is currently listed on the NH Department of Historic Resources or is included in the State Historic Preservation Office Inventory.	YES	5
	NO	0
Proximity of parcel to other permanently protected nonagricultural lands (such as forestlands and wetlands). Distance measured in a straight line from the closest point on the offered parcel to the closest point on the nearest protected lands parcel.	Directly abuts protected nonagricultural land	40
	Is within 1 mile	30
	is between 1.1 and 3 miles	20
	is within 3.1 to 5 miles	10
	is greater than 5 miles	0
Percent of parcel that lies within any of the 4 Food Desert categories (2015 data) OR lies within 5 miles of any of the 4 Food Desert categories (2015 data).	0-50% of parcel is within a Food Desert category	25
	51-100% of parcel is within a Food Desert category	40
	Parcel lies within 5 miles of any Food Desert category	10
	Parcel is greater than 5 miles from a Food Desert Category	0

Section: Resource Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Conservation practices are actively being applied or maintained to address identified resource concerns.	Riparian Forest Buffers	5
	Soil Heath Assessment	5
	Nutrient/Grazing/Integrated Pest Management plans	5
	Storm Water Runoff	5
	Erosion Control	5
	Maintaining Agricultural drainage systems	5
	Other (including Wildlife-related practices)	5
	NONE	0
The project is located within or has a defined source water protection area, hydrologic area of concern, or High-Yield Stratified-Drift Aquifer.	YES	15
	NO	0
Percentage of the offered area is mapped as the Highest Ranked Habitat in the NH Wildlife Action Plan (Tier 1 Highest Ranked Habitat in NH WAP and/or Tier 2 Highest Ranked Habitat in Biological Region).	51%+	30
	26-50%	20
	10-25%	15
	<10%	0