**FY 18 Agricultural Land Easement Parcel Eligibility and Ranking**

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| Ranking Date Parcel Name County  |
| Fiscal Year |
| Landowner Name and Address |
| Eligible entities names and addresses |
| Parcel Location: Locality (Town/Township):County: State:  |
| Are all landowners of record AGI eligible? (Y/N) |
| Are all landowners of record HEL eligible? (Y/N) |
| Are all landowners of record WC eligible? (Y/N) |
| NRCS employee confirming landowner eligibility:Name: Signature: |
| Is the entity eligible? (Y/N) |
| NRCS employee confirming entity eligibility:Name: Signature: |
| Does the eligible entity have a written pending offer for the parcel? (Y/N) |
| NRCS employee confirming written pending offer:Name: Signature: |
| Does the land (*enter a response for each*):\_\_\_\_\_\_ Have 50-percent prime, unique, and important farmland? (Y/N)\_\_\_\_\_\_ Have historical or archeological resources? (Y/N)\_\_\_\_\_\_ Protect grazing uses and related conservation values by restoring and conserving land? (Y/N)\_\_\_\_\_\_ Have land that supports the policy of a State or local farm and ranch land protection program? (Y/N) |
| Is the land eligible? (Y/N) |
| Which land eligibility criteria is the land being enrolled under? *(Identify only one eligibility category)*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| NRCS employee confirming land eligibility:Name: Signature: |
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|  | **Point total:** |  |
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| NATIONAL FACTORS: | Scoring | Max. Points |
| Percent of prime, unique, and important farmland in the parcel to be protected ([http://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov](http://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/))* 0 points for 50 percent or less
* 1 points for every percent above 50 percent
 |  | **25** |
| Percent of cropland, pastureland, grassland, and rangeland in the parcel to be protected* 0 points for 33 percent or less
* 1 points for every percent above 33 percent
 |  | **25** |
| 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](http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/))* 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** |
| 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](http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/))* 0 points for decrease of 0 percent or less
* 15 points for decreases of 1 to 4.9 percent
* 20 points for decrease of 5 to 9.9 percent
* 15 points for decreases of 10 to 14.9 percent
* 0 points for decreases of 15 percent of more
 |  | **20** |
| Percent population growth in the county as documented by the United States Census ([www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov/))* 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 of more than 2 but less than 3 times Indiana’s growth rate
* 0 points for growth rate of more than 3 times Indiana’s growth rate
 |  | **10** |
| 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](http://www.census.gov/))* 0 points for less than Indiana’s pop. density
* 15 points for more than 1 but less than or equal to 2 times Indiana’s population density
* 20 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
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| Proximity of the parcel to other protected land, including military installations* 0 points for less than 250 acres of protected land that is within one mile of the boundary of the parcel
* 15 points for 250-500 acres of protected land that is within one mile of the boundary of the parcel
* 25 points for more than 500 acres of protected land that is within one mile of the boundary of the parcel
 |  |  | **25** |
| Proximity of the parcel to other agricultural operations and infrastructure* 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** |
| Parcel ability to maximize the protection of contiguous acres devoted to agricultural use* 15 points if parcel links two noncontiguous corridors of agricultural use
* 5 points if parcel expands agriculture use protected area
* 0 points if parcel does not increase a protected agricultural use area
 |  |  | **15** |
| Parcel currently enrolled in a CRP contract set to expire within a year and is grassland that would benefit from protection* 5 points if the parcel is currently enrolled in CRP
* 0 points if the parcel is NOT enrolled in CRP
 |  |  | **5** |
| The grassland in the parcel will benefit from the protection under a long term easement* 5 points if the parcel will benefit
* 0 points if the parcel will NOT benefit
 |  |  | **5** |
| Existence of a farm or ranch succession plan or similar plan established to address farm viability for future generations* 5 points if a plan is developed
* 0 points if no plan is developed
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| STATE FACTORS: |  |  |  |
| Additional Conservation Value: Parcel priority compared to other parcels submitted in the same ranking period by the same cooperating entity* 25 points for highest priority project of the cooperating entity
 |  |  | **25** |
| State Additional Conservation Value: Parcel is identified as a Historically Significant* 25 points if on National or State Historic Register
* 15 points if parcel holds status as a Indiana Centennial Farm
* 0 points for “no”
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| State Additional Conservation Value- Habitat protection: Is an area zoned for agricultural use, and provides a buffer around protected lands such as Department of Natural Resource Properties, Nature Preserves, Land Trust Protected Natural Properties, Conservation Easements (<http://www.usgs.gov/>)* 50 points for adjacent
* 25 points for less than 0.10 mile
* 10 points for less than or equal 0.25 mile
* 0 points for less than 500 feet
 |  |  | **50** |
| State Additional Conservation Value- Water Quality: Do all surface drains and streams have at least 20 feet of buffer * 25 points for 100% surface drains and streams buffered
* 15 points for 85% of length of surface drains and streams buffered OR 100% will be buffered within 2 years.
* 10 points for 50% -85% of the length of surface drains and streams buffered
* 5 points for 30-50% of the length of surface drains and streams buffered
* 0 points for less than 30% of the length of surface drains and streams buffered
 |  |  | **50** |
|  State Additional: Parcel being offered is at least 40 contiguous acres * 25 point Yes
* 0 points No
 |  |  | **25** |
| State Additional**:** Enrollment of parcel will provide diversity of natural resource protections. (as recorded on CPA-52)* 25 points for 5 or more resource protections
* 20 points for 3-4 resources protected
* 10 points for 1-2 resources protected
* 5 points for 1 resource protected
* 0 points for no resources protected
 |  |  | **25** |
| **Total Score** |  |  | **400** |