

SOUTH CAROLINA RANKING SHEET – April 2009

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| <p>USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program Parcel Eligibility and Ranking Form</p> | |
| Fiscal Year | 2009 |
| | Date _____ |
| Landowner Name and Address | |
| Cooperating Entity(ies) Name(s) and Address(es) | |
| State in which the Parcel is Located | SOUTH CAROLINA |
| County in which Parcel is Located | |
| Locality (Town/Township) in which the Parcel is Located | |
| Is the Landowner Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Eligible (Y/N)? | |
| Is the Landowner Highly Erodible Land (HEL) Eligible (Y/N)? | |
| Is the Landowner Wetland Conservation (WC) Eligible (Y/N)? | |
| Name of NRCS Employee Confirming Landowner Eligibility | |
| Signature of NRCS Employee Confirming Landowner Eligibility | |
| Is the Cooperating Entity Eligible (Y/N)? | |
| Name of NRCS Employee Confirming Entity Eligibility | |
| Signature of NRCS Employee Confirming Entity Eligibility | |
| Does Cooperating Entity have a Pending Offer for the Parcel (Y/N)? | |
| Name of NRCS Employee Confirming Parcel Offer | |
| Signature of NRCS Employee Confirming Parcel Offer | |
| Does the Land have 50% prime, unique, and important farmland (Y/N)? | |
| Does the Land have historic or archeological resources (Y/N)? | |
| Is the Land Eligible (Y/N)? | |
| Name of NRCS Employee Confirming Land Eligibility | |
| Signature of NRCS Employee Confirming Land Eligibility | |

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| Ranking Factor and Scaling | Maximum Points | Points |
| <p>Percent of prime, unique, and important farmland in the parcel to be protected (0 points for 50 percent or less, 4 points for every percent above 50 percent)</p> <p>List % here _____</p> | 200 | |
| <p>Percent of cropland, pastureland, grassland, and rangeland in the parcel to be protected (0 points for 33 percent or less, 3 points for every percent above 33 percent)</p> <p>List % here _____</p> | 200 | |
| <p>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) (also see Excel sheet for SC – attached) (0 points for a ratio of 1 or less, 50 points for ratios of 1.0 to 2.0, 100 points for ratios of greater than 2.0)</p> <p>List ratio here _____</p> | 100 | |
| <p>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 (www.agcensus.usda.gov) (also see excel sheet for SC – attached) (0 points for decrease of 0 percent or less, 50 points for decreases of 0 to 5 percent, 100 points for decrease of 5 to 10 percent 50 points for decreases of 10 to 15 percent, 0 points for decreases of more than 15 percent)</p> <p>List % here _____</p> | 100 | |
| <p>Percent population growth in the county as documented by the United States Census www.census.gov (also see excel sheet for SC – attached) (0 points for growth rate of less than the state growth rate, 50 points for growth rate of 1 to 2 times the state growth rate, 100 points for growth rate of 2 to 3 times the state growth rate, 0 points for growth rate of more than 3 times the state growth rate)</p> <p>List % here _____</p> | 100 | |
| <p>Population density (population per square mile) as documented by the most recent United States Census www.census.gov (also see excel sheet for SC – attached) (0 points for population density less than the state population density, 50 points for population density of 1 to 2 times the state population density, 100 points for population density of 2 to 3 times the state population density, 0 points for population density of more than 3 times the state population density)</p> <p>List number here _____</p> | 100 | |
| <p>Proximity of the parcel to other protected land, including military installations (0 points for less than 250 acres of protected land <u>within a mile</u> of the boundaries of the parcel, 50 points for 250-500 acres of protected land within a mile of the boundaries of the parcel, 100 points for 500 acres or more of protected land within a mile of the boundaries of the parcel)</p> <p>List protected acres here _____</p> | 100 | |

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| <p>Proximity of the parcel to other agricultural operations and infrastructure (0 points for less than 250 acres of protected land <u>within a mile</u> of the boundaries of the parcel, 50 points for 250-500 acres of protected land within a mile of the boundaries of the parcel, 100 points for 500 acres or more of protected land within a mile of the boundaries of the parcel)</p> <p>List acres here _____</p> | 100 | |
| <p>National Register Eligible (see attached guidelines) (0 points for no – 200 points if yes)</p> | 200 | |
| <p>Historically Underserved (100 points if landowner is American Indian, Alaska Native, Asians, Black, Native Hawaiians or Pacific Islanders, Hispanic, New-Beginning Farmer or Limited Resource Farmer – all other 0 points) circle one please</p> | 100 | |
| <p>Land Donation – Percentage of parcel being donated (50 points for 11-20 %, 75 points for 21-49 %, 100 points for over 50 %)</p> <p>List donated percent here _____</p> | 100 | |
| <p>Easement Length (100 points for permanent easements)</p> | 100 | |
| <p>Funds Availability (at time of application, entity has a <u>written assurance of funds</u> or <u>funds on hand</u>) yes or no</p> | | |
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| <p>This ranking criteria will enable the State Conservationist to prioritize proposals and easement offers and parcels that merit FRPP enrollment. <u>However, such ranking does not vest any right or entitlement to funding an applicant.</u> All ranking worksheets will be field verified by State Office staff and points may be adjusted accordingly. The more documentation provided, the faster the processing of applications.</p> | | |
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| <p>Total Points</p> | 1500 | |

FRPP Ranking Guidelines

Complete Entity and Landowner Information – Any Highly Erodible Land (HEL) acres MUST have a conservation plan on them at the time of application. Include a copy of the HEL plan.

National Register Eligibility – In order to receive points under this category, the offered acres **MUST** contain sites (and have appropriate documentation at the time of application) listed in the National Register of Historic Places; or formally determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places by the State Historic Preservation Officer or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer; or formally designated by the State or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.

THE DEED MUST CONTAIN LANGUAGE TO PROTECT AND MAINTAIN THE HISTORY AREA FOREVER.

Determining National Register Eligible Points

The NRHP is a list of properties significant in our nation's past, which is maintained in Washington, D.C., by the National Park Service. In order for a property to be awarded the 75 points for being "National Register Eligible", the property must already be listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) **or** be currently considered Eligible for the NRHP. The applicant is responsible for supplying documentation stating their property has been determined eligible for the NRHP or that the property is listed on the NRHP. Such documentation can be in the form of a letter or document from the SHPO or the properties presence on the NRHP list.

Determining if a property is "Eligible to the NRHP" is a first step in the nomination process of becoming actually listed on the NRHP. This first step involves a preliminary review conducted by your State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The following document outlines this process:

The Preliminary Information Form (PIF) – To evaluate NRHP eligibility:

<http://www.state.sc.us/scdah/PIFform.pdf>

How to nominate a property to the NRHP: <http://www.state.sc.us/scdah/htln01.pdf>

A property is considered eligible for the National Register when it meets the National Register criteria for evaluation established by the National Park Service:

<http://www.state.sc.us/scdah/NReligibility.htm#National%20Register%20Criteria%20for%20Evaluation>

The South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) uses the National Register criteria to evaluate a property when an individual or organization is interested in nominating it to the National Register. The SHPO asks the interested party to complete a Preliminary Information Form (PIF) for the property. When completed, this form allows the SHPO staff to make a recommendation on whether or not the property appears to be eligible for the Register and if it is advisable to undertake the time and expense involved in preparing an actual nomination form.

If you have questions or need additional information, contact your state Cultural Resources Specialist, Jim Errante, (803) 253-3937, or your State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The SC SHPO is located at: <http://www.state.sc.us/scdah/homepage.htm> or can also be reached through the eFOTG, section II, under Cultural Resources.

Appraiser Requirements – The land must be appraised by a *State Certified General Real Property Appraiser* or obtain a temporary practice permit in the state(s) where the subject property is located and be in good standing with the licensing authority where the credential was issued. Appraiser must have demonstrated competency in compliance with USPAP in conducting appraisals of agricultural properties with and without conservation easements of the requested type. Documentation of appraisal education courses attended, such as eminent domain or conservation easements, and Yellow Book course shall be provided. For additional information, please visit the following website: www.usdoj.gov/enrd/land-ack/yb2001.pdf.

Appraisals **should not be** performed at time of application; only when selected for funding.

Extra Land Donation – The landowner can donate as much of the offered acreage he chooses. However, this does not include the 25% cost the landowner donates. This is additional land that is not being appraised or paid for, only to help improve his ranking score.

Tie Breaker --- If landowner is offering or donating all eligible acres in area and or tract/parcel, that application will take priority for funding. **Example:** An Application that is not withholding any land for development will be selected for funding and considered as tie breaker to an application that is holding land for development, such as road frontage.