

Land Protection Grant Program - Scoring Rubric

Evaluation Criteria - 100 Points

Instructions: This scoring rubric is intended to help you evaluate the applications for funding for the Land Protection Grant Program.

The point values are suggested

Name of Land Trust:

Question	Poor	Fair/Good	Excellent	Total Score:	Notes:
1. Project Demonstrates likelihood for success. 15 points.	Does not demonstrate a strong likelihood of success. No acquisition steps have been completed. Shows <30% to completion. 0 points.	Information depicting likelihood for success is somewhat clear. At least one acquisition step has been completed. Budget makes sense. Project >30% to completion. 4-8 points.	Information clearly supports likelihood for success. Detailed information explains why funding is needed. Multiple acquisition steps have been completed for the project. Project budget makes sense, and project >50% to completion. 9-15 points.	/15	
2. Does the parcel abut existing conservation land or public lands? 15 points.	No part of the property abuts existing conservation land or public land. 0 points.	Only a small portion of the property's border abuts existing conservation land or public lands. 7 points.	Conserving the proposed property would make a significant connection to an existing conservation land or public lands. 15 points.	/15	
3. Will this parcel provide public access? 10 points.	Will not provide public access. 0 points.	Has potential to provide public access. 4 points.	Will provide public access. 10 points.	/10	
4. Is there evidence that this parcel contains rare, endangered, or threatened plant or animal species? 5 points.	There is no evidence that parcel contains rare, threatened, or endangered species. 0 points.	---	There is evidence that the parcel contains rare, threatened, or endangered species. 5 points.	/5	
5. Is the parcel in a drinking water supply watershed? Will protection of this land improve water quality? 10 points	Parcel not in a drinking water supply watershed. 0 points.	---	Parcel is in a drinking water supply watershed, and the conservation of the property is likely to improve water quality. 10 points.	/10	

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<p>6. Does the parcel contain wetland habitat or shore frontage on a river, stream, coastline, pond, lake, or other waterbody that protects water resources and/or supports high values for wildlife habitat? 10 points.</p>	<p>Parcel does not contain wetland or shore frontage. 0 points.</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>Parcel does contain wetland or shore frontage and protects water resources/supports high values for wildlife. 10 points.</p>	<p>/10</p>	
<p>7. Does the parcel contain agricultural land with prime and statewide important soils and will it be conserved for agricultural use/production? 15 points.</p>	<p>Parcel is not agricultural land. 0 points.</p>	<p>This parcel is a farm and will be conserved for agricultural production 10 points.</p>	<p>This parcel is a farm <i>with</i> prime and statewide important soils and will be conserved for agricultural production. 15 points.</p>	<p>/15</p>	
<p>8. Is the parcel forested, and does that forest fall within a forested block of 250 acres or more? 10 points.</p>	<p>Parcel not forested OR does not fall within a forested block of 250+ acres. 0 points.</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>Forested parcel falls within a block of 250 acres or more. 10 points.</p>	<p>/10</p>	
<p>9. Does the parcel include an existing trail network or could provide trail linkage with other trail networks that are open to the public? 10 points.</p>	<p>Parcel does not include trail network or linkage to public trails. 0 points.</p>	<p>Has potential for a trail network that could provide linkage to trails that are open to the public in the future. 5 points.</p>	<p>Parcel includes an existing trail network that will provide linkage to other trail networks that are open to the public. 10 points.</p>	<p>/10</p>	
			<p>TOTAL</p>	<p>/100</p>	