

Agricultural Conservation Easement Program - Agricultural Land Easement (ACEP-ALE)
Parcel Eligibility and Ranking Form
Fiscal Year 2017
Landowner Name and Address
Landowner Phone Number:
Eligible entities names and addresses
Parcel Address:
County:
Are all landowners of record AGI eligible? (Y/N)
Are all landowners of record HEL/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:
What land eligibility category does the parcel meet? (enter a response for each): _____ 50-percent prime, unique, and important farmland? (Y/N) _____ Historical or archeological resources? (Y/N) _____ Protect grazing uses and related conservation values by restoring and conserving land? (Y/N) _____ Land that supports the policy of a State or local farm and ranch land protection program? (Y/N)
Is the land eligible? (Y/N)
NRCS employee confirming land eligibility: Name:
Signature:

National Ranking Criteria	Maximum Points	Points
Percent of prime, unique, and important farmland in the parcel to be protected <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 points for every 5% above 50% • 0 points for 50% or less 	20	
Are the landowner(s) a historically underserved group, small scale farmer, limited resource landowner, new or beginning farmer or rancher or veteran landowner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 points for Yes • 0 points for No 	3	
Percent of cropland, pastureland, grassland, and rangeland in the parcel to be protected <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 points for greater than 50% • 8 points for more than 25% and less than or equal to 50% • 0 points for 25% or less 	16	
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 (USDA - NASS - Census of Agriculture) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 points for ratios of greater than 2.0 • 7 points for ratios of 1.0 to 2.0 • 0 points for a ratio of less than 1.0 	15	
Decrease in the percent 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) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 points for decrease of more than 15% • 10 points for decrease of 11 to 15% • 5 points for decrease of 6 to 10% • 1 point for decrease of greater than 0 to 5% • 0 points for decrease of 0% 	15	
Percent population growth in the county as documented by the most recent United States Census (Census Bureau Home Page) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 points for growth rate of more than 3 times the State growth rate • 7 points for growth rate of greater than 2 and less than or equal to 3 times the State growth rate • 4 points for growth rate of greater than 1 and less than or equal to 2 times the State growth rate • 0 points for growth rate less than 1 times the State growth rate 	15	
Population density (population per square mile) as documented by the most recent United States Census (Census Bureau Home Page) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 points for population density of greater than 3 times the State population density 	15	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 points for population density of greater than 2 and less than or equal to 3 times the State population density • 4 points for population density of greater than 1 and less than or equal to 2 times the State population density • 0 points for population density less than 1 times the State population density 		
<p>Existence of a farm or ranch succession plan or similar plan established to address farm viability for future generations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 points for plan documented and performed by industry professional • 7 points for a plan written and approved by farm or ranch • 0 points for no plan <p>(Note: Documentation must be provided to receive points under this category)</p>	15	
<p>Proximity of the parcel to other protected land, including military installations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 points for boundary that adjoins protected land boundary • 7 points for boundary within 1 mile of protected land boundary • 4 points for boundary greater than 1 mile but less than 3 miles from protected land • 0 points for easement boundary greater than 3 miles from the protected land boundary 	15	
<p>Proximity of the parcel to other agricultural operations and agricultural infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 points easement boundary adjoins • 7 points easement boundary is within 1 mile in proximity • 4 points easement boundary greater than 1 mile but less than 3 miles in proximity • 0 points for easement boundary greater than 3 miles in proximity 	11	
<p>Parcel ability to maximize the protection of contiguous acres devoted to agricultural use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 points if the parcel links two non-contiguous corridors of protected agricultural use • 6 points parcel expands agricultural use protected area • 0 points parcel does not increase a protected agricultural use area 	15	
<p>Parcel contains historical or archaeological resources that will be protected by easement area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 points for Yes • 0 points for No 	15	
<p>The grassland in the parcel will benefit from the protection under the long-term easement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 points for Yes • 0 points for No 	15	
<p>Currently enrolled in CRP in a contract that is set to expire within a year and is grassland that would benefit from protection</p>	15	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 points for Yes • 0 points for No 		
Total Points for National Ranking Criteria	200	

State Ranking Criteria (Maximum of 200 Points)	Maximum Points	Points
The parcel is located in an area zoned for agricultural use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 points for Yes • 0 points for No 	15	
Eligible entity has demonstrated performance in managing and enforcing easements by monitoring 80 percent or more of its easements each year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 points for Yes • 0 points for No or if there is no documentation to support a “Yes” determination 	10	
Parcel contains Biodiversity Resource Priority Areas (as identified in CLIP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 points for Priority 1 • 20 points for Priority 2 • 10 points for Priority 3 • 5 points for Priority 4 • 0 points for Priority 5 	30	
FLEPPC Category I invasive plant cover observed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 points for 0-2% • 0 points for >2-10% • -25 points for >10% 	30	
Conservation practices are currently being implemented or maintained to address identified resource concerns including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soil Quality Degradation • Water Quality Degradation • Degraded Plant Condition • Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife • See Florida Quality Criteria for additional resource concerns 10 points per resource concern addressed (maximum 60 points), 0 points for none (Note: Documentation in the form of a plan, soil analysis printout, etc. will be required where practice implementation cannot be readily identified in the field.)	60	
Geographic region where the enrollment of particular lands may help achieve National, State, and regional conservation goals and objectives, or enhance existing government or private conservation projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 points for parcels located in counties designated as the Everglades by NRCS¹ 	30	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 points for parcels located in watersheds that connect to the Gulf of Mexico • 0 points for parcels outside of the specified area. <p>¹Everglades Counties: Broward, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, Highlands, Glades, Lee, Martin, Osceola, Orange, Indian River and St. Lucie</p>		
<p>Likelihood of conversion to nonagricultural use due to urban development or land use pressure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 points for parcels with development offer • 5 points for adjacent parcels with development offer • 0 points for no development offer <p>(Note: Documentation must be provided to receive points under this category)</p>	15	
<p>Social and/or economic benefit to the region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 points if agricultural products are sold at local or regional markets • 0 points for agricultural products that are sold out of state. <p>(Note: Documentation must be provided to receive points under this category)</p>	10	
<p>Total Points for State Ranking Criteria</p>	200	

Final Ranking Score: _____