

<b>Agricultural Conservation Easement Program - Agricultural Land Easement (ACEP-ALE)</b>		
<b>Parcel Eligibility and Ranking Form</b>		
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)		
NRCS employee confirming land eligibility:		
Name:	Signature:	

<b>National Ranking Factors and Scaling</b>	<b>Maximum Points</b>	<b>Points</b>
Percent of prime, unique, and important farmland in the parcel to be protected (0 points for 50 percent or less, 2 points for every 5 percent above 50 percent)	20	
Are landowners a historically underserved group, small scale farmer, limited resource landowner, new or beginning farmer or rancher or veteran landowner (3 points for Yes, 0 points for No)	3	
Percent of cropland, pastureland, grassland, and rangeland in the parcel to be protected (0 points for 33 percent or less, 4 points for 33 percent or less, 8 points for more than 33 percent and less than or equal to 50 percent, 16 points for greater than 50 percent)	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 ( <a href="#">USDA - NASS - Census of Agriculture</a> ) (0 points for a ratio of 1 or less, 7 points for ratios of 1.0 to 2.0, 15 points for ratios of greater than 2.0)	15	
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 ( <a href="#">USDA - NASS - Census of Agriculture</a> ) (0 points for decrease of 0 percent or less, 1 points for decreases of 0 to 5 percent, 5 points for decrease of 5 to 10 percent, 9 points for decreases of 10 to 15 percent, 15 points for decreases of more than 15 percent) (National Mandate – 0 points for 0 percent or less)	15	
<a href="#">Percent population growth in the county as documented by the United most recent United States Census (Census Bureau Home Page)</a> (0 points for growth rate of less than the State growth rate, 4 points for growth rate of one to two times the State growth rate, 7 points for growth rate of two to three times the State growth rate, 15 points for growth rate of more than three times the State growth rate) (National Mandate – 0 points growth rate less than the State growth rate)	15	
<a href="#">Population density (population per square mile) as documented by the most recent United States Census (Census Bureau Home Page)</a> (0 points for population density less than the State population density, 4 points for population density of 1 to 2 times the State population density, 7 points for population density of 2 to 3 times the State population density, 15 points for population density of greater than 3 times the State population density)	15	

<p>Existence of a farm or ranch succession plan or similar plan established to address farm viability for future generations</p> <p>(0 points for no plan, 7 points for a plan, 15 points for plan documented and performed by industry professional)</p> <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> <p>(0 points easement offer area (EOA) boundary greater than 3 miles from the protected land boundary, 4 points EOA is greater than 1 miles but less than 3 miles from protected land, 7 points EOA is within 1 mile of protected land boundary, 15 points EOA boundary adjoins protected land boundary)</p>	15	
<p>Proximity of the parcel to other agricultural operations and agricultural infrastructure</p> <p>(0 points if EOA boundary greater than 3 miles in proximity, 4 points if EOA is greater than 1 miles but less than 3 miles in proximity, 7 points EOA is within 1 mile in proximity, 11 points EOA boundary adjoins)</p>	11	
<p>Parcel ability to maximize the protection of contiguous acres devoted to agricultural use</p> <p>(15 points if the parcel links two noncontinuous corridors of protected agricultural use, 6 points parcel expands agricultural use protected area, 0 points parcel does not increase a protected agricultural use area)</p>	15	
<p>Parcel contains historical or archaeological resources that will be protected by easement area</p> <p>(15 points if Yes, 0 points if No)</p>	15	
<p>The grassland in the parcel will benefit from the protection under the long-term easement</p> <p>(15 points if Yes, 0 points if No)</p>	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> <p>(15 points for Yes, 0 points for No)</p>	15	
<p>Total Points for National Ranking Factors</p>	200	

**State Ranking Factors (Maximum of 200 Points)**

The parcel is located in an area zoned for agricultural use  20 points for Yes, 0 points for No	20	
Eligible entity has demonstrated performance in managing and enforcing easements by monitoring 80 percent or more of its easements each year  30 points for Yes, 0 points for No or if there is no documentation to support a “Yes” determination	30	
Parcel contains Biodiversity Resource Priority Areas (as identified in CLIP)  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  30 points for 0-2%, 0 points for >2-10%, -25 points for >10%	30	
Active NRCS Conservation Plan or Management Plan (prepared by industry professional) implemented on ACEP-ALE application area  30 points for Yes, 0 points for No (Note: Documentation must be provided to receive points under this category)	30	
Multifunctional benefits of farm and ranch land protection include protecting wetlands or riparian areas?  15 points for Yes, 0 points for No	15	
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.  15 points for parcels located in the NRCS Everglades Initiative <sup>1</sup> , 0 points for parcels outside of the initiative area.  <sup>1</sup> Everglades Initiative: Broward, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, Highlands, Glades, Lee, Martin, Osceola, Orange, Indian River and St. Lucie	15	
Likelihood of conversion to nonagricultural use due to urban development or land use pressure.  15 points for parcels with development offer, 7 points for adjacent parcels with development offer, 0 points for no development offer (Note: Documentation must be provided to receive points under this category)	15	
Social and/or economic benefit to the region  15 points if agricultural products are sold at local or regional markets, 0 points for agricultural products that are sold out of state. (Note: Documentation must be provided to receive points under this category)	15	
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**Signatures**

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NRCS Easements Team

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NRCS Grazing Specialist

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