

Mineral County Farmland Protection Ranking Criteria

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Property Name: _____

	Points Possible	Points Property Received
1 Presence of Prime or Unique Farmland; Farmland of State-wide Importance; or Locally Significant Farmland; Productive Capacity-Percent of offering contains Prime and Important Farmland:		
a) 84-100% Prime or important soils	90	
b) 67-83% Prime or important soils	60	
c) 50-66% Prime of important soils	40	
Total points possible:	90	
2 Property currently has a farm-use valuation for ad valorem tax purposes	20	
3 Percent of Property in Active Agriculture (cropland, pastureland, and grasslands)		
a) 75-100% in active agriculture	50	
b) 50-74% in active agriculture	30	
c) 34-49% in active agriculture	10	
d) 0-33% in active agriculture	0	
Total points possible:	50	
4 Total Acreage Offered for Conservation Easement		
Size of Parcel(s) offered for Easement		
a) 51 to 150 acres	70	
b) 151 to 250 acres	50	
c) 50 acres or less	30	
d) 251 to 999 acres	20	
e) Entire fee simple property to be placed under easement	30	
Total points possible:	100	
5 Source Water Protection (cumulative to maximum 80 points)		
a) Fronts a major stream (blue line on a topographical map)	50	
b) Fronts a minor stream (non-blue line on a topographical map)	40	
c) Contains a year-round spring	30	
d) Contains a seasonal or wet-weather spring	20	
e) Contains wetlands	10	
Total Points Possible:	80	
6 Road Frontage		
a) Federal or State Road		
1. 1000 ft. or more	40	
2. less than 1000 ft.	30	
b) County Primary Road (Lined Road)		
1. 1000 ft. or more	20	
2. less than 1000 ft.	10	
c) County Secondary Road (Unlined Road)		
1. 1000 ft. or more	10	
2. less than 1000 ft.	0	
Total Points Possible:	70	
7 Forested Land		
a) Property has less than 40 acres Forested	30	
b) Property has more than 40 acres Forested and has a State approved Forestry Management plan	20	
Total Points Possible:	30	
8 Proximity to other Protected Properties		
a) Adjoins a Conservation Easement or other protected public land	25	
b) Within 1/2 mile of a Conservation Easement or other protected public land	10	
Total Points Possible:	35	
9 Public Water/Sewer Accessibility		
a) Property has No public water or sewer	20	
b) Property has public water or sewer or is within 1/2 mile of public water or sewer	0	
Total Points Possible:	20	
10 Existence of Debt on the Property		
a) Property has no secured debt or the applicant has provided a letter of subordination	60	
11 Residential/Farm Structures		
a) House is included in the easement or a reserved residential area is included in the easement	45	
Total Points Possible:	600	0