

Appendix

Virginia Forest Legacy Program

Proposal Evaluation Sheet Example

Property/Project: _____
 Landowner Name(s): _____
 County/City: _____ Acres: _____
 Evaluator Name: _____ Date of Evaluation: _____

Importance Scoring (30 points maximum)

Economic Benefits from Timber and Potential Forest Productivity: _____ Points

Land managed according to a Forest Management Plan.
 Land is 3rd party certified (SFI, FSC, Tree Farm).
 Forestry activity contributes to resource-based economy.
 Contains characteristics (slope, soils) to sustain a productive forest.

Economic Benefits from Non-Timber Products: _____ Points

Provides non-timber revenue to the local or regional economy [hunting leases, non-timber forest products (pine straw, pine tipping, ginseng collection), guided tours (fishing, hunting, bird watching) and recreation/tourism (rentals, bikes, boats, outdoor gear)].

Threatened and Endangered Species Habitat: _____ Points

Property contains documented T & E species (consider numbers shown below during scoring).
 Number of Federally Listed Species: _____
 Number of State Listed Species: _____

Fish, Wildlife, Plants and Unique Forest Communities: _____ Points

Contains unique forest communities as documented by a formal assessment or wildlife conservation plan or strategy.

Water Supply, Aquatic Habitat and Watershed Protection: _____ Points

Protects a water supply or watershed (ie. provides a public drinking water supply, an aquifer recharge area or protects an ecologically important aquatic or marine area).
 Contains important riparian area, wetlands, shorelines, river systems or sensitive watershed lands.

Public Access: _____ Points

Will maintain or establish access by the public for recreation (restrictions on specific use or location of activities are okay).

Scenic: _____ Points

Is located within the viewshed of a formally-designated scenic feature such as a trail, river, or highway.

Historic / Cultural / Tribal: _____ Points

Contains features of historical, cultural and/or tribal significance, formally documented by a governmental or non-governmental organization.

Subtotal Points (30 Points Maximum for Importance) _____ Points

Threatened Scoring (20 points maximum)

Lack of Protection: _____ Points

Lack of temporary or permanent protections that currently exist (zoning, permanent easements, encumbrances that limit subdivision); the likelihood or the threat of conversion.

Land and Landowner's Circumstances:

_____ Points

Landowner circumstances including: property held in an estate, aging landowner, future use by heirs is uncertain, property is for sale or has a sale pending, owner anticipates owning property for a short duration, owner has received purchase offers, land has an approved subdivision plan; owner has sold subdivisions to the property, etc.

Adjacent Land Use:

_____ Points

Adjacent land use characteristics: rate of development growth and conversion, rate of population growth (percent change), rate of change in ownership.

Ability to Develop:

_____ Points

Physical attributes that will facilitate conversion: access, buildable ground, zoning, slope, water/sewer, electricity, etc.

Subtotal Points (20 Points Maximum for Threatened)

_____ Points

Strategic Scoring (30 points maximum)

Conservation Initiative, Strategy or Plan:

_____ Points

Fits within a larger conservation plan, strategy, or initiative as designated by a government or non-government entity.

Compliments Protected Lands:

_____ Points

Strategically linked to enhance previously protected land (past FLP projects, protected Federal, State, or NGO lands), or other Federal land protection programs (NRCS, NAWCA, NOAA, etc.)

Subtotal Points (30 Points Maximum for Threatened)

_____ Points

Total State Score for Project (80 Points Maximum)

_____ Points