

2017 Pinelands Conservation Fund Land Acquisition Project Evaluation Criteria:

FACTOR	LOW (1)	MEDIUM (3)	HIGH (5)
Location: is the project located in one of the PCF focus areas (sub-regional plan corridors, 502 target areas, 18 planning areas, GSP/Ocean County)?	In Regional Growth, Town, Village or Rural Development Area AND none of the pre-designated focus areas	In pre-designated focus areas OR Preservation Area District, Special Ag Production Area, Ag Production Area or Forest Area	In pre-designated focus areas AND in Preservation Area District, Special Ag Production Area, Ag Production Area or Forest Area
Contiguity: is the project site contiguous with any protected lands?	Not contiguous with protected land	Contiguous with less than 100 acres of protected land	Contiguous with 100 acres or more of protected land
Size: how large is the parcel to be acquired for conservation?	Less than 50 acres	Between 50 and 100 acres	100 acres or more; add another 5 points above 500 acres
Off-road vehicle threat: is there evidence of illegal off-road vehicle use on or in the immediate vicinity of the site?	No evidence within a mile	Evidence of off-road vehicle use within a mile of the project site (ADD 5 total points)	Evidence of off-road vehicle use on the project site (ADD 10 total points)
Surface and head waters: what is link to surface and headwaters?	No surface water present	Any stream or other surface water present	1 st or 2 nd order stream present
Wetlands: how much of the site is comprised of wetlands?	Less than 25% wetlands	Between 25% and 50% wetlands	50% or more wetlands
T&E species and habitat: are there any sightings of T&E species or critical habitat?	No state/federal T&E habitat, per NJDEP SBH Landscape Model AND no documented T&E sightings on site, per NJPC and ENSP data	State/federal T&E habitat, per NJDEP SBH Landscape Model OR documented T&E sightings on site, per NJPC or ENSP data	State/federal T&E habitat, per NJDEP SBH Landscape Model AND documented T&E sightings on site, per NJPC or ENSP data

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Feasibility: is the project likely to be completed in reasonable time?	0 of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signed contract w/ landowner • Completed appraisal • Certification of Fair Market Value • Documentation that at least 50% of balance has been secured • Anticipated closing date within 12 months 	1 or 2 of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signed contract w/ landowner • Completed appraisal • Certification of Fair Market Value • Documentation that at least 50% of balance has been secured • Anticipated closing date within 12 months 	3 or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signed contract w/ landowner • Completed appraisal • Certification of Fair Market Value • Documentation that at least 50% of balance has been secured • Anticipated closing date within 12 months
Organizational reliability: capacity, expertise & experience of sponsoring organization to complete the project	Organization has neither completed a project using PCF \$, nor has organization completed at least 5 land acquisition projects for conservation purposes	Organization has completed at least one project using PCF \$ OR organization has completed at least 5 land acquisition projects for conservation purposes	Organization has completed at least one project using PCF \$ AND organization has completed at least 5 land acquisition projects for conservation purposes
Future stewardship plans: does the future long-term owner have past experience implementing stewardship plans on other sites, and/or is a stewardship plan drafted for this site?	Future long-term owner has neither past experience implementing stewardship plans, nor has drafted a stewardship plan for this site	Future long-term owner has past experience implementing stewardship plans OR has drafted a stewardship plan for this site	Future long-term owner has past experience implementing stewardship plans AND has drafted a stewardship plan for this site