

Priority Matrix			
Factor	Low (1)	Medium (3)	High (5)
Location ¹ : Is the project in PCF focus areas for flood or wildfire	In RGA, Town, Village or Rural Development Area AND one of the designated focus areas	In designated focus areas and PAD, SAPA, APA or Forest Area	Within a five-mile radius of SJTA and inside the State Pinelands Area
T&E Habitats ² :	No state/federal T&E habitat per NJDEP Landscape Model AND no NJPC and ENSP sightings	T&E habitat exists based upon NJDEP Landscape model and/or NJPC and ENSP sightings	Grassland habitat exists based upon NJDEP Landscape model and/or NJPC and ENSP sightings
Size:	Less than 50 acres	Between 50 and 100 acres	100 acres or more; add 3 additional points if greater than 500 acres
Contiguity:	Less than one mile from preserved open space	Less than one mile from known grassland T&E habitats but not contiguous	Contiguous with preserved habitat or open space
Partner Contribution:	66.7% of acquisition costs	At least 75% of acquisition costs	Greater than 75% of acquisition costs
Maintenance & Stewardship:	Written maintenance /stewardship plan	Written maintenance/ stewardship plan and specific stewardship project proposal	Written maintenance/ stewardship plan and agreement to partner on future grant proposal for stewardship projects
Environmental Justice Communities Stressors ³ :	One stressor identified	Three or four stressors identified	More than five stressors identified
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Projects must also be located in Section 502 acquisition target areas or in one of the Pinelands Commission identified 21 acquisition target areas 2. An additional three points will be awarded for projects that are intended to preserve open space with the objective of maintaining grassland habitat. 3. Environmental Justice Community stressors are identified by NJDEP and include: high ozone, heavy traffic, known contaminated sites, solid waste facilities, and impaired surface water among other stressors. See attached example, “Overburdened Community Stressor Summary” for a census block located in the Pinelands Area of Waterford Township. 			