

U.S. Department of Agriculture

FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING

PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Date Of Land Evaluation Request			
Name Of Project 0000-00-00, BRZ 0000 (), Local Brdg. & Appr.		Federal Agency Involved FHWA			
Proposed Land Use Highway		County And State Rural TWP, Any County, Wisconsin			
PART II (To be completed by SCS)		Date Request Received By SCS			
Does the site contain prime, unique, statewide or local important farmland? <i>If no, the FPPA does not apply -- do not complete additional parts of this form.</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Acres Irrigated	Average Farm Size
Major Crops	Farmable Land In Govt. Jurisdiction Acres: %	Amount Of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: %		Date Land Evaluation Returned By SCS	
Name Of Land Evaluation System Used	Name Of Local Site Assessment System				
PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Alternative Site Rating			
		Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly		0.38			
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly		0.00			
C. Total Acres In Site		0.38			
PART IV (To be completed by SCS) Land Evaluation Information					
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland					
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland					
C. Percentage Of Farmland In County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted					
D. Percentage Of Farmland In Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value					
PART V (To be completed by SCS) Land Evaluation Criterion					
Relative Value Of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points)					
PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency)					
Site Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(b))	Maximum Points				
1. Area In Nonurban Use	15	15			
2. Perimeter In Nonurban Use	10	10			
3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed	20	4			
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	20	10			
5. Distance From Urban Builtup Area	--	--			
6. Distance To Urban Support Services	--	--			
7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	10	3			
8. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	25	0			
9. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5	5			
10. On-Farm Investments	20	0			
11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	25	0			
12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	10	0			
TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS	160	47			
PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)					
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100	100			
Total Site Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160	147			
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)	260				
Site Selected:	Date Of Selection	Was A Local Site Assessment Used? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Reason For Selection:					

PART VI Site Assessment Criteria Scaling²

1. How much land is in nonurban use within a radius of 1.0 mile (**1.6 km**) from where the project is intended?

	<u>Percent</u> =	<u>Points</u>
More than	90	15
Equal to	90.0	14
	84.6	13
	79.2	12
	73.8	11
	68.5	10
	63.1	9
	57.7	8
	52.3	7
	46.9	6
	41.5	5
	36.2	4
	30.8	3
	25.4	2
20.0	1	
Less than	20.0	0

2. How much of the perimeter of the site borders on land in nonurban use?

	<u>Percent</u> =	<u>Points</u>
More than	90	10
Equal to	90.0	9
	81.3	8
	72.5	7
	63.8	6
	55.0	5
	46.3	4
	37.5	3
	28.8	2
	20.0	1
Less than	20	0

3. How much of the site has been farmed (managed for a scheduled harvest or timber activity) more than five of the last 10 years?

	<u>Percent</u> =	<u>Points</u>
More than	90	20
Equal to	90.00	19
	86.1	18
	82.2	17
	78.3	16
	74.4	15
	70.6	14
	66.7	13
	62.8	12
	58.9	11
	55.0	10
	51.1	9
	47.2	8
	43.3	7
	39.4	6
	35.6	5
	31.7	4
	27.8	3
23.9	2	
20.0	1	
Less than	20	0

4. Is the site subject to state or unit of local government policies or programs to protect farmland or covered by private programs to protect farmland?

	<u>Percent</u> =	<u>Points</u>
All farms are protected	100	20
Some farms protected	95	19
	90	18
	85	17
	80	16
	75	15
	70	14
	65	13
	60	12
	55	11
	50	10
	45	9
	40	8
	35	7
	30	6
	25	5
	20	4
	15	3
10	2	
5	1	
No farms protected	0	0

This criterion may be evaluated by contacting the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Bureau of Land Resources at (608) 224-4634. It will be

necessary to provide DATCP with the county, township and the landowner affected by the project.

5. This criterion shall not be considered for projects that have a linear or corridor-type site configuration connecting two distant points and crossing several different tracts of land. These include utility lines, highways and highway related projects, railroads, stream improvement and flood control systems.

For non-linear projects, such as airport improvements, this criterion will be used.

How close is the site to an urban built-up area?

The site is 2 miles (**3.2 km**) or more from an urban built-up area - 15 points.

The site is more than 1 mile (**1.6 km**) but less than 2 miles (**3.2 km**) from an urban built-up area - 10 points.

The site is less than 1 mile (**1.6 km**) from, but is not adjacent to an urban built-up area - 5 points.

The site is adjacent to an urban built-up area - 0 points.

6. This criterion shall not be considered for projects that have a linear or corridor-type site configuration connecting two distant points and crossing several different tracts of land. These include utility lines, highways and highway related projects, railroads, stream improvement and flood control systems.

For non-linear projects, such as airport improvements, this criterion will be used.

How close is the site to water lines, sewer lines and/or other local facilities and services whose capacities and design would promote nonagricultural use?

None of the services exist nearer than 3 miles (**4.8 km**) from the site - 15 points.

Some of the services exist more than 1 mile (**1.6 km**), but less than 3 miles (**4.8 km**) from the site - 10 points.

All of the services exist within 0.5 mile (**0.8 km**) of the site - 0 points.

7. Is the farm unit(s) containing the site (before the project) as large as the average-size farming unit in the county? (Average farm sizes in each county are available in the most recent edition of "Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics" prepared by the Wisconsin Agriculture Reporting Service.)

As large or larger - 10 points.

Equal to

Below average - deduct 1 point for each 5 percent below the average, down to 0 points if 50 percent or more below average.

	<u>Percent =</u>	<u>Points</u>
As large or larger	100	10
	95	9
	90	8
	85	7
	80	6
	75	5
	70	4
	65	3
	60	2
	55	1
	50	0
Less than	50	0

8. If this site is chosen for the project, how much of the remaining land on the farm will become non-farmable because of interference with land patterns?

Acreage equal to more than 25 percent of acres directly converted by the project.

Linear Projects

Non Linear Projects

25 points

10 points

Acreage equal to between 25 and 5 percent of the acres directly converted by the project.

Linear Projects
Percent = Points

Non Linear Projects
Percent = Points

Equal to:

25	24
24.1	23
23.3	22
22.4	21
21.5	20
20.7	19
19.8	18
18.9	17
18.0	16
17.2	15
16.3	14
15.4	13
14.6	12
13.7	11
12.8	10
12.0	9
11.1	8
10.2	7
9.3	6
8.5	5
7.6	4

Equal to:

25.0	9
22.5	8
20.0	7
17.5	6
15.0	5
12.5	4
10.0	3
7.5	2
5.0	1

6.7 3
 5.9 2
 5.0 1

Acres equal to less than 5 percent of the acres directly converted the project - 0 points.

9. Does the site have available adequate supply of farm support services and markets, i.e., farm suppliers, equipment dealers processing and storage facilities and farmer's markets?

All required services are available - 5 points.

Some required services are available - 4 to 1 point.

No required services are available - 0 points.

10. Does the site have substantial and well-maintained on-farm investments such as barns, other storage building, fruit trees and vines, field terraces, drainage, irrigation, waterways, or other soil and water conservation measures?

High amount of on-farm investment - 20 points.

Moderate amount of on-farm investment - 19 to 1 point.

No on-farm investment - 0 points.

11. Would the project at this site, by converting farmland to nonagricultural use, reduce the demand for farm support services so as to jeopardize the continued existence of these support services and thus the viability of the farms remaining in the area?

	<u>Linear Projects</u>	<u>Non Linear Projects</u>
Substantial reduction in demand for support services	25 points	10 points
Some reduction in demand for support	24 to 1 point	9 to 1 point
No significant reduction in demand for support services	0 points	0 points

12. Is the kind and intensity of the proposed use of the site sufficiently incompatible with agriculture that it is likely to contribute to the eventual conversion of surrounding farmland to nonagricultural use?

Proposed project is incompatible with existing agricultural use of surrounding farmland - 10 points.

Proposed project is tolerable to existing agricultural use of surrounding farmland - 9 to 1 point.

Proposed project is fully compatible with existing agricultural use of surrounding farmland - 0 points.