

**2008-2009 Farmland Protection Implementation Projects**

**TECHNICAL RATING FORM**

Reviewer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Property/Landowner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Funds Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Match: \_\_\_\_\_

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- 1. Proposal involves conservation easements. \_\_\_\_\_  
(80 points- yes/50 points- no)
  
  - 2. The degree to which the proposed activity addresses the three funding priorities contained in Section 325(2)(c) of the enabling statute for the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Program:
    - a. likelihood that the project will preserve "viable agricultural land" (*i.e.*, factors principally about the subject property(ies) – *e.g.*, quality of soil resources, % of total farm available for agricultural production, number of acres to be protected, level of demonstrated farm management) \_\_\_\_\_  
(65 points max.)
  
    - b. projects located in areas facing significant development pressure \_\_\_\_\_  
(25 points max.)
  
    - c. projects serving as a buffer for a significant natural public resource containing important ecosystem or habitat characteristics \_\_\_\_\_  
(25 points max.)
  
  - 3. The long-term potential for the agricultural land described in the proposal to remain in viable agricultural production (*i.e.*, factors beyond the scope of the subject property(ies) – *e.g.*, extent to which property is bordered by or proximate to other protected farms or farms that will likely be protected in the future, proximity to markets and processors, proximity to vendors providing supplies and services to the subject farm). \_\_\_\_\_  
(55 points max.)
  
  - 4. Cost of the proposal in relation to acreage protected. \_\_\_\_\_  
(20 points max.)
  
  - 5. The degree to which the proposal demonstrates the local partners' (both public and private) commitment to farmland protection (*e.g.*, these and other activities would be relevant: implementation of actions contained in local farmland protection plans; total local public and private expenditures on Purchase of Development Rights projects; number and acreage of permanent conservation easements on local viable agricultural land; all agricultural districts have been reviewed on or before their respective anniversary date, etc.). \_\_\_\_\_  
(30 points max.)
- TOTAL POINTS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**(300 points max.)**

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Reviewer Signature

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Date