

VII. Technical Rating Form

New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets
2006-2007 State Assistance for Farmland Protection Implementation Projects

Reviewer's Name: _____

Municipality: _____

Funds Requested: _____ Total Match: _____

1. Proposal involves conservation easements. _____
(100 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, level of demonstrated farm management) _____
(55 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 which may likely be protected in 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. Number of acres which will be protected _____
(10 points max.)

 6. Level of landowner commitment expressed. _____
(5 points max.)

 7. The level of experience and ability of project staff to undertake the proposed activity. _____
(5 points max.)
- Total points:** _____
(300 points max.)