

## North Carolina FRPP 2013 Ranking Sheet

<b>Nationally Mandated Factors</b>		
<b>Parcel Name:</b> _____ <b>County:</b> _____ <b>Entity:</b> _____		
<b>Ranking Factor and Scaling</b>	<b>Max. Points</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>Percent of prime, unique, and important farmland soils</b> in the parcel to be protected <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 0 points for 50 percent or less</li> <li>▪ 4 points for every percent above 50 percent</li> </ul> (National Mandate – 0 points for 50% or less – Eligibility Criteria)	200	
<b>Percent of cropland, pastureland, and grassland</b> in the parcel to be protected <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 0 points for 33 percent or less</li> <li>▪ 3 points for every percent above 33 percent</li> </ul> (National Mandate – 0 points for 33% or less – Eligibility Criteria)	200	
<b>Ratio of the total acres of land in the parcel to be protected to average farm size in the county</b> according to the most recent USDA Census of Agriculture (www.agcensus.usda.gov) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 0 points for a ratio of 1 or less</li> <li>▪ 50 points for ratios of 1.0 to 2.0</li> <li>▪ 100 points for ratios of greater than 2.0</li> </ul> (National Mandate – 0 points for ratio of 1 or less)	100	
<b>Decrease in the percentage of acreage of farmland in the county</b> in which the parcel is located between the last two USDA Censuses of Agriculture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 0 points for decrease of 0 percent or less</li> <li>▪ 50 points for decreases of 0 to 5 percent</li> <li>▪ 100 points for decrease of 5.1 to 10 percent</li> <li>▪ 50 points for decreases of 10.1 to 15 percent</li> <li>▪ 0 points for decreases of more than 15 percent</li> </ul> (National Mandate – 0 points for 0% or less)	100	
<b>Percent population growth in the county</b> as documented by the United States Census <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 0 points for growth rate of less than the state growth rate</li> <li>▪ 50 points for growth rate of 1 to 2 times the state growth rate</li> <li>▪ 100 points for growth rate of 2 to 3 times the state growth rate</li> <li>▪ 0 points for growth rate of more than 3 times the state growth rate</li> </ul> (National Mandate – 0 points for growth rate less than the state growth rate)	100	
<b>Population density</b> of the county where the proposed easement area is located (population per square mile) as documented by the most recent United States Census <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 0 points for population density less than the state population density</li> <li>▪ 50 points for population density of 1 to 1.9 times the state population density</li> <li>▪ 100 points for population density of 2 to 2.9 times the state population density</li> <li>▪ 0 points for population density of more than 3 times the state population density</li> </ul> (National Mandate – 0 points for population density less than the state density)	100	
<b>Proximity of the parcel to other protected land</b> , including military installations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 0 points for less than 250 acres of protected land within a mile of the boundaries of the parcel</li> <li>▪ 50 points for 250-500 acres of protected land within a mile of the boundaries of the parcel</li> <li>▪ 100 points for more than 500 acres of protected land within a mile of the boundaries of the parcel</li> </ul>	100	
<b>Proximity of the parcel to other agricultural operations and infrastructure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 0 points for less than 250 acres of other agricultural operations within a mile of the boundaries of the parcel</li> <li>▪ 50 points for 250-500 acres of other agricultural operations within a mile of the boundaries of the parcel</li> <li>▪ 100 points for more than 500 acres of agricultural operations within a mile of the boundaries of the parcel</li> </ul>	100	
<b>Total Points for Nationally Mandated Ranking Factors</b>	<b>1000</b>	

**North Carolina State Factors**

**Parcel Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **County:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Entity:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Ranking Factor and Scaling</b>	<b>Maximum Points</b>	<b>Points</b>																																																				
<p>Contains a <b>historical or archaeological</b> resource on the Local, State or National Register, or formally eligible for the National Register.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Yes = 100 points</li> <li>▪ No = 0 points</li> </ul>	100																																																					
<p>Use the <b>NRCS LESA</b> (Land Evaluation and Site Assessment) values for the soil types found on the offered property to calculate the points for this section. Each county NRCS office has a chart indicating the agricultural group and relative value of each soil type found in the county. The best land (Group 1) is given a relative value of 100. Other groups are valued less than 100. NOTE: Total acres should equal total acres being offered for enrollment.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th align="left">Group</th> <th align="left">Acres</th> <th align="left">Relative Value</th> <th align="left">Adjusted Value</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1</td><td>_____</td><td>x _____</td><td>= _____</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>_____</td><td>x _____</td><td>= _____</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>_____</td><td>x _____</td><td>= _____</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>_____</td><td>x _____</td><td>= _____</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>_____</td><td>x _____</td><td>= _____</td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>_____</td><td>x _____</td><td>= _____</td></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td>_____</td><td>x _____</td><td>= _____</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>_____</td><td>x _____</td><td>= _____</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>_____</td><td>x _____</td><td>= _____</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>_____</td><td>x _____</td><td>= _____</td></tr> <tr><td>11</td><td>_____</td><td>x _____</td><td>= _____</td></tr> <tr><td>12</td><td>_____</td><td>x _____</td><td>= _____</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="margin-left: 100px;">Total Total Acres: _____ Adjusted Value: _____</p> <p><u>Total Adjusted Value</u> Total Acres            X    2    = _____</p> <p align="center"><b>TOTAL POINTS</b></p>	Group	Acres	Relative Value	Adjusted Value	1	_____	x _____	= _____	2	_____	x _____	= _____	3	_____	x _____	= _____	4	_____	x _____	= _____	5	_____	x _____	= _____	6	_____	x _____	= _____	7	_____	x _____	= _____	8	_____	x _____	= _____	9	_____	x _____	= _____	10	_____	x _____	= _____	11	_____	x _____	= _____	12	_____	x _____	= _____	200	
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<p>If your county has a <b>Voluntary Agricultural District (VAD)</b> or <b>Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural District (EVAD)</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Yes, member of EVAD = 100 points</li> <li>▪ Yes, member of VAD = 75 points</li> <li>▪ County does not have EVAD or VAD programs = 25 points</li> <li>▪ County has VAD or EVAD but parcel owner is not participating = 0 points</li> </ul> <p>Provide documentation that the county for which the parcel is located has a VAD or EVAD. Provide evidence that the applicant is a member of such VAD or EVAD.</p>	100																																																					
<p>Does this parcel's owner have a <b>Farm Business Plan</b> or <b>Farm Transition Plan</b>. See info and guidance below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Yes = 100 points (Enclose copy of plan)</li> <li>▪ No = 0 points</li> </ul>	100																																																					
<p>Does the participant have an <b>Existing Conservation Plan</b> for the offered parcel?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Yes = 50 points</li> <li>▪ No = 0 points</li> </ul>	50																																																					
<p><b>Capital Investment in Farm Operation</b> – Does not include dwellings on the parcel except for employee housing. Substantial capital investment made within:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Last 0-2 years = 175 points</li> <li>▪ Last 2-5 years = 150 points</li> <li>▪ Last 5-10 years = 100 points</li> <li>▪ No substantial investment within above criteria = 0 points</li> </ul>	175																																																					

<b>Farm Parcel size with relation to the median farm size in the county.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Farms less than median county farm size = 0 points</li> <li>▪ Farms equal to or greater than median county farm size = 50 points</li> </ul>	50	
<b>Supports an important Biodiversity and Wildlife Habitat Area (BWHA)</b> as recognized and ranked by the One North Carolina Naturally Conservation Planning Tool. If parcel is within ¼ mile of a BWHA ranked: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 7 or higher = 100 points</li> <li>▪ 4-6 = 75 points</li> <li>▪ 1-3 = 50 points</li> </ul> See One NC Naturally Conservation Planning Tool to Assess.  Go to <a href="http://www.onencnaturally.org">http://www.onencnaturally.org</a> From there select Conservation Planning Tool > Select “Interactive Map Viewer.” Although the Conservation Planning Tool – Map Viewer is currently unavailable, this page has detailed instructions on how to get this information from <a href="http://www.landscape.org">www.landscape.org</a> .	100	
<b>Is the parcel owner a member of any Socially Disadvantaged group?</b> A Socially Disadvantaged Farmer is a person who has been subjected to racial or ethnic prejudices because of their identity as a member of a group without regard to their individual qualities. Asian, African American, Native American, Pacific Islander, Alaskan native and Hispanic fall into this category. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Yes = 25 points</li> <li>▪ No = 0 points</li> </ul>	25	
<b>Is the Parcel in a Military Air Space Training Route (MASTR)?</b> Contact Paul Friday at 910-322-2128 or email Paul.Friday@usmc.mil. Provide the parcel coordinates and the USMC will provide documentation if the parcel is in a MASTR. Additional Information provided below. Documentation required to claim points. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Yes = 100 points</li> <li>▪ No = 0 points</li> </ul>	100	
<b>Total Points for State Ranking Factors</b>	<b>1000</b>	

**TOTAL SCORE = \_\_\_\_\_**

I \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ *hereby*  
Name Title

*certify that the information provided on this ranking sheet and any and all related attachments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.*

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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