

Van Buren County Land Preservation Board Worksheet

Applicant's Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Tax Parcel Number(s) of Nominated Property.

Selection Criteria:

<i>Scoring Criteria</i>	Selection Criteria	Score for this Application
Preliminary Information		
Application signed by Landowner	Required	Required
51% of land devoted to agriculture	Required	Required
Consistent with Township Comprehensive plan	Required	Required
Township approval	Required	Required
All owners of rights agree to application	Required	Required
A: Agricultural Productivity of Land		
	Points	
% prime, unique or locally significant growing characteristics	190 max	
Total	190 max	
B: Creation of Blocks of Preserved Land		
	Points	
Proximity to permanently preserved land	70 max	
Parcel Size	70 max	
Total	140 max	
C: Matching Funds		
	Points	
% matching funds	110 max	
Total	110 max	
D: Type of Ag Production/ Local Economic Impact		
Specialty Crop	180 max	
Commodity Crop	90 max	
Hay Crops	45 max	
Pasture	30 max	
Crops produced that are locally processed	40 max	
Total	220 max	
E: Development Pressure		
	Points	
New Wells in township	18 max	
Residential construction	18 max	
Road frontage	22 max	
Proximity to freeway interchange	22 max	
Total	80 max	

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F: Conservation Practices	Points	
Conservation plan in place on parcel	80 max	
Unique Natural Resource and Open Space Features	55 max	
Water Accessibility	35 max	
Certified Endangered and/or Threatened Species	170 max	
Total	170 max	
G: Public Access	Points	
Enrolled in state or locally recognized public access program	30 max	
Total	30 max	
H: Discretionary	Points	
Historical characteristics		
Archeological characteristics		
Geographical characteristics		
Enrollment in PA 116		
Management practices		
Furthers goals of farmland preservation		
Community funding commitment		
Other considerations		
Total	60 max	
Overall Total	1000 max	