

HARFORD COUNTY
Easement Priority Ranking System
(Total 300 pts.)

1. Soil Productivity Score (LESA Program).....(100 pts. max.)
(only used for cropland)
2. Farmland Capability(35 pts. max.)
 - A. Cropland
 - i. 75% - 100% Cropland30 pts.
 - ii. 50% - 74% Cropland20 pts.
 - iii. less than 50% Cropland 10 pts.
 - B. Pasture
 - i. 75% - 100% Pasture 15 pts.
 - ii. 50% - 74% Pasture 10 pts.
 - iii. less than 50%5 pts.
 - C. Innovative Farming Practices..... 0 – 30 pts.
3. Development Factors.....(75 pts. max.)

Number of AG Development Rights Remaining on Property

 - A. 1 to 55 pts.
 - B. 6 to 10..... 10 pts.
 - C. 11 to 15..... 15 pts.
 - D. 16+ or rezoning potential20 pts.

Number of Potential Family Conveyances

 - A. 1 to 55 pts.
 - B. 6 to 10..... 10 pts.
 - C. 11 to 15..... 15 pts.
 - D. 16+20 pts.
4. Consistency with County Land Use Plan20 pts.
5. Existing Zoning for Development within 2 miles..... 10 pts.
6. Water/Sewer Service Area within 2 miles 10 pts.

7. Farm Size
 - A. 200+ acres 15 pts.
 - B. 100 – 199 acres..... 10 pts.
 - C. 50 – 99 acres.....5 pts.
8. Protected Land Contiguous to Size (20 pts. max.)
 - A. Site is contiguous to farmland which is protected by easements, deeds of trust, or restrictive covenants20 pts.
 - B. Site is contiguous to non-agricultural but permanently protected floodplain or watershed areas 15 pts.
 - C. Land is contiguous to interim protected land (e.g. 5-year AG Preservation District)..... 10 pts.
 - D. Land is not adjacent to protected areas.....0 pts.
9. Existing SCS Approved Soil Conservation Plan..... (20 pts. max.)
 - A. Meets current MALPF requirements and practices applied20 pts.
 - B. Updated within 10 years and partially applied practices 10 pts.
 - C. No current approved plans.....0 pts.
10. Ownership (20 pts. max.)
 - A. Full-time owner/operator20 pts.
 - B. Land rented by full-time farmer 15 pts.
 - C. Part-time owner/operator 10 pts.
 - D. Absentee land owner0 pts.
11. Contribution to Continued Viability of Agricultural Community (15 pts. max.)
 - A. Substantial contribution..... 15 pts.
 - B. Moderate contribution 10 pts.
 - C. Minimal contribution.....0 pts.
12. Special Conditions (15 pts. max.)
 - A. Economic hardship 0 – 15 pts.
 - B. Young Farmers..... 0 – 15 pts.
 - C. Other (specify) _____ 0 – 15 pts.

TOTAL NUMBER OF POINTS POSSIBLE: 300