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Go included on the web site is a link to the Conservation Bank grant application form. This application will allow you to apply for funding for your proposal and will give the Bank the required information to make a decision as to whether your proposal is acceptable. Please note that the application is in several sections, they should be filled out as completely as possible. The Bank realizes that a number of the requirements of this statute are expensive and difficult to obtain. For that reason, several of these requirements have been placed in Phase two so that you will have some idea of favorability of the Bank acceptance prior to having to meet these requirements. Non-acceptance of your proposal does not mean that it is not a good proposal nor does it prevent your proposal from being re-submitted in another budget cycle. Two hard copies of the application should be mailed to the South Carolina Conservation Bank; 1000 Assembly St.; Room #316. Rembert Dennis Bldg. ; Columbia, S.C. 20201.



The grant application for the South Carolina Conservation Bank contains four basic areas. It should be noted that the grant application is a competitive process wherein determination by the Board of priority funding status is made by comparison of the significant criteria associated with each proposal. These criteria serve to provide information to the Bank about the proposal in the most objective manner. The basic areas are:

1. The first general area contains information about the qualified entity and the landowner. Each question in this area addresses a statutory requirement.
2. Natural Resource Criteria: This area reviews 12 criteria that make this proposal unique and significant. In other words why does the conservation and protection of this landscape improve the quality of life in South Carolina? The score in this area represents 55% of the total proposal score.
3. Financial Criteria: This section contains five criteria that relate to how much, if any, leverage or matching funds are involved with the proposal. It should be noted that the Act does not require that there be any leverage but it is important in determining a proposal's score in the competitive process. This area counts for 28% of the proposal score.
4. Public Access: The Conservation Bank Board realizes that for some easements on significant lands wide public use cannot be attained. For that reason public access has been defined in three different categories so that some score will be gained and encouraged by allowing a degree of limited public access. It should be noted that public access is not a requirement of the Act but is nonetheless important in determining a proposal's score. This area counts for 17% of the proposal score.

Phase 1

In an effort to reduce costs and time in filling out the application for funding, the Bank has worked to make the initial phase of the application as simple as possible. If properly filled out, the application form should give the Bank enough information to decide whether to proceed further with your proposal.

Please note:

The South Carolina Conservation Bank Act requires that any conservation easement funded by the Bank must be held by an eligible trust fund recipient. A link to the qualified entities is on the web site.

Phase 2

Should the Bank decide that your proposal is significant, there are number of required items that must be provided before closing or before any funds are disbursed. These items are as follows:

1. The loan recipient for loans made to an eligible trust fund recipient must obtain an acceptable Title Insurance Policy with the SCC BANK as a named insured or a written statement of intent to insure from a qualified insurance company. The eligible trust fund recipient must indemnify the SCC Bank as to title in the amount of any grants made to the eligible trust fund recipient by a title insurance policy obtained by the grant recipient. If any funds are paid as a result of a faulty title or abrogation of the easement, said funds revert to the SCC Bank in the appropriate amounts. This indemnification must be made prior to any distribution of funds.
2. A general management plan and how the land will be used.
3. An environmental hazard assessment. No distribution of funds will be made until the land meets all state and federal environmental laws and regulations.
4. A qualified and competent appraisal establishing a fair market value and/or the value of the proposed easement.

Note:

- A. No funding will be made without such appraisal
- B. The contents of the appraisal are confidential prior to a grant or loan or subsequent acquisition of interests in land being obtained with such grant or loan.

Should the information provided by the above items be in substantial conflict with the information provided in Phase 1 the SCC Bank has the right to cancel the grant request and re-prioritize other proposals.

We appreciate your interest and commitment to conservation and look forward to working with you to keep South Carolina a special place. If we can be of any help in this process or if you need additional information, please feel free to contact us.

**Application for Funding
South Carolina Conservation Bank**

I. General Information: Section One:

Acquisition type: Fee Simple Conservation Easement Loan Other

Landowner's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____

Eligible Trust Fund Recipient Seeking Funding

Name of Organization: _____

Authorized Agent Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____

II. Property Information

Legal Description: County _____

 Tax Map # _____

Assessor's Plat and Lot Numbers: _____

Deed Reference (Book and Page Number) _____

Current local zoning status where property is located _____

Location on County Map (attach)

Brief description of property including:

- a. Total acres _____
- b. Total forested _____
- c. Total cleared/open _____
- d. Total wetlands _____
- e. Creeks or rivers _____
- f. Please include any surveys, USGS maps, directions, county locator map, or any other pertinent information.

III. Miscellaneous Information:

- a. Who is the party responsible for managing this land? (Code Sec. 48-59-70)

Name _____
Address _____
Telephone Number _____

- a. Who is responsible for enforcing any conservation easements or other restrictions on this property? (Code Sec. 48-59-70)

Name _____
Address _____
Telephone Number _____

IV. Adjoining landowners: Adjoining landowners must be notified of this grant request by statute. (Code Sec. 48-59-70). Please attach affidavit that all adjoining landowners have been notified.

Signature of Eligible Trust Fund Recipient (Applicant)

Date

For Office Use Only	
Received By:	_____
Application Number:	_____
Date:	_____

General Information: Section Two- To be filled out by the landowner.

1. Does this land contain property or interest in the property that has been down zoned within three years of the date of this application?
(Code Sec. 48-59-70,O-1)

Yes No Not Applicable

2. Has the qualified entity or applicant seeking funding notified you in writing:
(S.C. Code Sec. 48-59-70, B-1, B-2)

a. That interests in land purchased with trust funds result in a permanent conveyance of such interests from the landowner to the eligible trust fund.

Yes No

b. That it may be in the landowner's best interests to retain independent legal counsel, appraisals, and other professional advice.

Yes No

3. Are there any existing liens, mortgages, or encumbrances that currently exist on this property?

Yes No

If so, please explain:

South Carolina Conservation Bank- Landowner Inspection Consent Agreement

I, _____, as the landowner or landowner's agent agree to allow inspection, or appraisal if necessary, of the property being offered under the South Carolina Conservation Bank Act. I agree to allow authorized or designated agent or staff to inspect this property as may be required. Reasonable notice of inspection will be given.

Signature of Landowner/Agent

Date

General Information: Section Three - To be filled out by the eligible trust fund recipient seeking funding (Applicant)

1. Organization Name/Contact

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Organization FEI number: _____

Please attach certification that this is a charitable not-for-profit corporation or trust authorized to do business in this state; whose principal activity is the acquisition and management of land for conservation or historic purposes and which has tax-exempt status as a public charity under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or Certification that the applicant is an otherwise qualified entity under the S.C. Conservation Bank Act. (Code Sec. 48-59-30, 4-c)

2. How will you be able to complete the project and acquire the interests in the proposed lands? (Code Sec. 48-59-70, H-1)

3. How many total acres of lands or projects have you preserved in this state? (Code Sec. 48-59-70, H-2)

4. Briefly describe the lands your organization has preserved in this state, including their size, location and method of preservation. Note: this section need not be complied with for specific preserved lands if the privacy or proprietary interests of the owners of such preserved lands would be violated. (Code Sec. 48-59-70, H-3)

5. Has the trust fund recipients notified the owner of the land that is the subject of the trust fund grant or loan of the following in writing? (Code Sec. 48-59-70, B-1, B-2)

a. That interests in land purchased with trust funds result in a permanent conveyance of such interests in land from the landowner to the eligible trust fund recipient or its assignees.

Yes No

b. That it may be in the landowner's interest to retain independent legal counsel, appraisals and other professional advice.

Yes No

Attach notarized copy. **Note:** Applications not having affirmation that the notice requirement of this section has been met will not be considered for funding requests.

6. Does the eligible trust recipient or the landowner have a general summarized land management plan for this proposal? Please attach. (Code Sec. 48-59-70, G1-8).

Note: A statement addressing these items is required prior to closing.

Yes No

7. Explain how the eligible trust fund recipient intends to enforce the easement restrictions on this proposal. (Code Sec. 48-59-70, G-6,7 and H). Attach additional sheet if necessary.

8. If the eligible trust fund recipient uses SCCB funding to acquire Fee Simple title to land, does it understand and agree that public access and use of the land must be permitted, subject to those rules and regulations that are consistent with the conservation purposes for which the land was acquired. (Code Sec. 48-59-80, K)

Yes No

9. Does the eligible trust fund recipient agree that trust funds may only be used for the acquisition of interests in land including closing costs and not for management, planning, staffing, or any costs not associated with the purchase of interests in lands? (Code Sec. 48-59-110).

Yes No

10. Does the eligible trust fund recipient have reasonable documentation to support this request? Please attach. The proposal will not be considered without adequate substantiation of estimated Fair Market Value **Note:** However, a qualified and competent appraisal establishing fair market value and/or the value of the proposed easement will subsequently be required prior to closing. (Code Sec.48-59-70,M)

Yes No

11. What is the amount of support sought for this proposal?

\$ _____

12. What is the total transaction value? \$ _____

13. Explain how this proposal will satisfy the criteria listed in Sections Four, Five, and Six of the ensuring pages. (Code Sec. 48-59-70, G) (Please attach a narrative of what your intended plans are and how you plan to accomplish them.)

Signature of Authorized Agent for Eligible Trust Fund Recipient (Applicant)

Notary Signature

My commission expires: _____

Section Four- Conservation Criteria
Code Section 48-59-70 Sec. C and D
Information to be considered in filling out the application

1. The extent to which the proposal conserves unique or important wildlife habitat.

Wildlife Habitat Values: The habitat potential of a parcel for all types of wildlife and fisheries species including those hunted and fished. For example parcel contains:

- excellent habitat or habitat potential for game species including black bear, white-tailed deer, wild turkey, waterfowl, bobwhite quail and others.
- excellent habitat or habitat potential for game fish including cold-water trout, black bass, sunfish and others.
- significant populations of resident species.
- good or excellent habitat or habitat potential for forest inhabiting birds.
- good or excellent habitat or habitat potential for significant populations of forest inhabiting mammals, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates.
- areas for resting and feeding of migratory species.
- exhibits connective habitats, corridors, habitat linkages and areas that reduce biological isolation.
- other (Please attach description)

2. The extent that proposal conserves rare or endangered species.

Threatened and Endangered Species: The parcel contains populations or suitable habitats of rare, threatened or endangered species of fish, wildlife or plants.

For example parcel contains:

- known occurrences of rare, threatened or endangered species of animals or plants.
- Parcel is within close proximity to a site with known occurrences of species of concern.
- habitats that are suitable for reoccupation of such species.
- habitats that often harbor such species.
- other (Please attach description)

3. The extent that the proposal conserves a relatively undisturbed or outstanding example of an ecosystem indigenous to South Carolina. For example parcel contains:

- Carolina Bay
- Spartina Marshlands
- other (Please attach description)

4. The extent the parcel conserves riparian habitats, wetlands, water quality, watersheds of significant ecological value, critical aquifer recharge areas, estuaries, bays or beaches.

Riparian and Hydrologic Values: The parcel contains wetlands that have ecological values including unique habitats, flood control, sediment filtration, and contaminant filtration. For example parcel:

- is situated on a river, stream or marine shore.
- has extensive river, stream or marine shoreline.
- includes the 100-year floodplain.
- includes a designated scenic river, stream or wetland.
- contains minimum 50-foot buffer of trees along shorelines as a sediment buffer.
- contains ecologically significant wetlands such as isolated bays, bogs, depression meadows and ponds.
- is adjacent to or near other protected wetlands
- includes the surface watershed or the ground water aquifer of a public water supply.
- other (Please attach description)

5. The extent the parcel has for conserving outstanding geologic features. For example parcel:

- contains mountains.
- contains significant rock formations/waterfalls.
- contains significant earth strata.
- contains limestone bluff
- other (Please attach description)

6. The extent to which the parcel conserves a site of unique historical or archeological significance.

Cultural and Historic Resources: The parcel contains known or likely sites of significant historic or cultural value. For example parcel:

- contains cultural resources such as a historic forest, mill site, or tar kiln.
- contains other historic or archeological resources such as Native American sites, historic structures or historic sites
- other (Please attach description)

7. The extent the parcel conserves an area of critical forestlands, farmlands, or wetlands. For example parcel has:

- the soil productivity and natural vegetative community to produce high quality timber, pulpwood and other forest products.
- growing timber stock in place.
- diverse timber age and type.
- prime soils
- is agriculturally unique
- contains unique wetlands
- other (Please attach description)

8. The extent the parcel conserves an area of forestlands or farmlands which are located on prime soils, in microclimates or have strategic geographical significances.

The potential of a parcel to produce forest products including productivity, accessibility, vegetative community, standing timber, management history and location.
For example parcel:

- has the soil productivity and natural vegetative community to produce high quality timber, pulpwood, forest and agricultural commodities.
- has growing timber stock in place.
- has diverse timber age and type.
- has growing crops in place.
- other (Please attach description)

9. The extent that the parcel conserves an area for public recreation, greenways, or parkland.

Public Recreation Potential: The potential of a parcel to provide the public with outdoor recreational potential including hunting, fishing, hiking, birding, horseback riding, wildlife observation, and other types of recreation. For example parcel has:

- externally accessible to the public by automobile and internally accessible by vehicle, foot, boat or bicycle. The public must be able to reach the tract by auto and transit the tract reasonably under most environmental conditions.
- the potential for hiking, cycling and horseback riding trails.
- potential water-based recreational value.
- unique habitat, geological formation, wildlife population or other special recreational attraction.
- potential for inclusion in the Wildlife Management Area Program.
- other (Please attach description)

10. The extent the parcel conserves a larger area or ecosystem already containing protected lands or as a connection between natural habitats or open space that are already protected. For example parcel:

- adjoins or is close to a state park.
- adjoins or is close to a state or federal forest or refuge.
- borders on other protected and managed lands.
- borders a scenic highway or river.
- other (Please attach description)

11. The extent that the parcel conserves a significant acreage. Parcel contains:

- less than 100 acres
- 100-500 acres
- 501-1000 acres
- 1001-5000 acres
- 5,001-10,000 acres
- over 10,000 acres

12. The extent the parcel presents a unique opportunity to accomplish one or more of the criteria in Items 1-11, where the same or similar opportunity is unlikely to present itself in the future. For example parcel:

- is in danger of conversion to non-traditional use within 10 years.
- is currently for sale on the open market
- may remain as is, but will become further subdivided within 10 years.
- is located where infrastructure extensions and improvements are imminent.
- may remain as is, but is in danger of non-sustainable management.
- other (Please attach description)

**Section Five-Financial Criteria
Code Section 48-59-70 Section E
Information to be considered in filling out the application**

1. How does the proposal present a unique value opportunity in that it protects land at a reasonable cost? Parcel:

- is available at a low cost per acre.
- is available from a willing seller at a reasonable price.

2. How does the proposal leverage trust funds by including funding or in-kind assets or services from other governmental sources?

Have matching funds of any kind or services-in-kind been applied for; have any been received; in what amount or percentage of this proposal from any other governmental source?

Explain:

3. How does the proposal leverage trust funds by including funding or in-kind assets or services from private or non-profit sources, or charitable donations or land or conservation easements?

Have matching funds of any kind been applied for; have any been received; in what amount or percent of its proposal from private or non-profit sources?

Explain:

4. How does the proposal leverage trust funds by purchasing conservation easements that preserve land at a cost that is low, relative to the fair market value of the fee simple title of the land preserves?

Is the proposal a bargain sale?

Yes No

Is the parcel available with matching funds donated by the current owner?

Yes No

If so, in what amount/percent?

Explain:

5. Has any other conservation incentives and means of conservation such as donated, conservation easements or participation in other governmental programs have been explored, applied for, secured, or exhausted?

Explain:

**Section Six- Public Access
Code Section 48-59-70 Section F
Information to be considered in filling out the application**

1. To what extent does the proposal provide public access for hunting, fishing, outdoor recreational activities, and other forms of public access.

- No public access is proposed.
- Limited public access is proposed such as:

Hunting, fishing, canoeing, biking, hiking, bird watching, educational opportunities for scientific and biological research and habitat management, Youth Hunts, Handicapped Hunters, Make A Wish, and other outdoor activities.

- Minimal access: Small groups or specific individuals with few allowed activities on few days
- Moderate access: Small or medium sized groups with access many times per year with several activities allowed.
- High access: General public access all year or many days with several activities allowed.
- Very high access: General public access year round with many Activities allowed.

**South Carolina Conservation Bank Evaluation Criteria
(For Bank Board Use Only)**

Each proposal for funding under the South Carolina Conservation Bank Act will be evaluated, in part by using the following criteria. The total numerical score will not be the ultimate deciding factor but will serve as a tool used to prioritize proposal. Below is a list of the criteria and maximum points available.

Section A - Conservation Criteria - The value:

1. of the proposal for the conservation of unique or important wildlife habitat.

2. of the proposal for the conservation of any rare or endangered species

3. of the proposal for the conservation of a relatively undisturbed our understanding example of an ecosystem indigenous to South Carolina

4. of the proposal for the conservation of riparian habitats, wetlands, water quality, watersheds or significant ecological value, critical aquifer recharge areas, estuaries, bays or beaches

5. of the proposal for the conservation of outstanding geologic features

6. of the proposal for the conservation of a site of unique historical or archaeological significance

7. of the proposal for the conservation of an area of critical forestlands, farmlands or wetlands

8. of the proposal for the conservation of an area of forestlands or farmlands which are located on prime soils, in microclimates or have strategic geographical significances

9. of the proposal for the conservation of an area for public outdoor recreation, greenways, or parkland

10. of the proposal for the conservation of a larger area or ecosystem already containing protected lands, or as a connection between natural habitats or open space that area already protected

11. of the proposal for the amount of land protected

12. of the proposal for the unique opportunity it presents to accomplish one or more of the criteria contained in this subsection, where the same or a similar opportunity is unlikely to present itself in the future

Section B - Financial Criteria - The degree:

1. to which the proposal presents a unique value opportunity in that it protects land at a reasonable cost

2. to which the proposal leverages trust funds by including funding or in-kind assets or services from other governmental sources

3. to which the proposal leverages trust funds by including funding or in-kind assets or services from private or nonprofit sources, or charitable donations of land or conservation easements

4. to which the proposal leverages trust funds by purchasing conservation easements that preserve land at a cost that is low relative to the fair market value of the Fee Simple title of the land preserved

5. to which other conservation incentives and means of conservation, such as donated conservation easements or participation in other governmental programs, have been explored, applied for, secured or exhausted
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Section C - Public Access

To what extent does the proposal provide public access for hunting, fishing, outdoor recreational activities, and other forms of public access?

- No public access: None
- Minimal access: Small groups or specific individuals with few allowed activities on few days
- Moderate public access: Small or medium groups access many times/ year; several activities allowed.
- High access: General public access all year or many days a year ; several activities allowed.
- Very high access: General public access, year round, many activities allowed.

South Carolina Conservation Bank Evaluation Criteria Scoring

Parcel Name: _____

Owner: _____

County: _____

Acres: _____

Location: _____

Section I - Conservation	Weighting				
	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Score
	1	2	3	4	
Unique or important wildlife habitat					
Rare or endangered species					
Undisturbed or outstanding ecosystem					
Riparian habitats, et al					
Geologic features					
Historical/archeological					
Critical forests, farmlands, wetlands					
Prime soils					
Public outdoor recreation, greenways, park land					
Connection between protected lands					
Amount of land					
Unique opportunity					
TOTAL SECTION I					

Section II - Financial	Weighting					
	None	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Score
	0	1	2	3	4	
Unique value/reasonable cost						
Leverage other government sources						
Leverage from private sources						
Low cost to value received						
Other incentives						
TOTAL SECTION II						

Section III - Public Access	Weighting	Score
No public access	0	<input type="text"/>
Low public access	5	<input type="text"/>
General access, limited activities	10	<input type="text"/>
General access, many activities	15	<input type="text"/>
		<input type="text"/>
TOTAL SECTION III		<input type="text"/>

Total Conservation Benefit Index (CBI) _____

Comments:

Beaufort County
Rural & Critical
**LAND
PRESERVATION
PROGRAM**

**PROPERTY OWNER
STATEMENT OF INTEREST FORM**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Description and Size of Your Property in Acres: _____

General Location of Your Property: _____

Beaufort County Tax Map number (if known): _____

Your Property's Unique Characteristics: _____

Please complete this form and mail to:

Beaufort County Rural and Critical Land Preservation Board

Rural Lands Criteria

Name:

Owner:

Location

Parcel Desc.

Approx. Acreage

<u>Criteria & Segment Description</u>	<u>Score</u> (5, 3, 2)	<u>Segment</u> <u>Composite</u> <u>Ranking</u>	<u>Segment</u> <u>Weighting</u>	<u>Property</u> <u>Ranking</u>
<i>I. Quality of Rural Land</i>				
Is land prime farm land? (5)			20%	
Is land in production? (3)				
Is land unique to the state or region? (2)				
<i>II. Threat of Conversion</i>				
Competing land transaction pending (5)			20%	
Changing land regulations (3)				
Rapidly developing area (2)				
<i>III. Sufficient Size</i>				
Sufficient standing alone (5)			20%	
Supports in cooperation (3)				
Provides connections (2)				
<i>IV. Ecological Benefits</i>				
Wildlife habitat (5)			20%	
Water quality (3)				
Air quality (2)				
<i>V. Historic or Scenic Benefits</i>				
Preservation historic & cultural features (5)			5%	
Public access (3)				
Preservation of scenic qualities (2)				
<i>VI. Proximity to Other Protected Lands</i>				
Publicly owned or subject to easement (5)			5%	
Land targeted by Comprehensive Plan (3)				
Subject to a public viewshed (2)				
<i>VII. Stewardship</i>				
Erosion / soil management (5)			5%	
Long term management options (3)				
Relationship to publicly used resources (2)				
<i>VIII. Price of Easement</i>				
Bargain Sale (5)			5%	
Partnering opportunities or other funding (3)				
Positive debt structuring arrangements (2)				
			TOTAL SCORE	

Beaufort County Rural and Critical Land Preservation Board

Critical Lands Criteria

Name: _____ Owner: _____
 Location _____
 Parcel Desc. _____
 Approx. Acreage _____

<u>Criteria Description</u>	<u>Proposed Ranking (0 - 10)</u>	<u>% Weight</u>	<u>Segment Composite Ranking</u>	<u>Segment Weighting</u>	<u>Property Ranking</u>
<u>I. Property Characteristics</u>					
Level of Threat		25%			
Uniqueness of Property		25%			
Cultural/Historic Value		15%			
Proximity to Protected Areas		20%			
Consistency with Comp. Plan		15%			
		100%		35%	
<u>II. Financial Considerations (addressed after initial list approved on substantive merits)</u>					
Bargain Sale Aspects		30%			
Favorable Post Sale Costs		35%			
(could include owner stewardship plan)					
Leverage of Other Funding		35%			
		100%		20%	
<u>III. Public Benefits</u>					
Potential Public Recreational Benefits		20%			
Potential Educational Benefits/Public Access		15%			
Vista Protection		45%			
Reduction in Traffic Congestion		20%			
		100%		20%	
<u>IV. Environmental Issues</u>					
Protection of Wildlife/Habitat Buffer		45%			
Water Quality/Ground Water Recharge		45%			
Species/Soil		10%			
		100%		25%	

CATEGORY	POINTS	REQUIRED EVIDENCE
Environmental Sensitivity <i>(Allow points for all that apply.)</i>		
Wetlands	10	Certification by COE or NRCS
USGS Blue Line Stream	10	USGS Topographic Map with Property Boundary
Threatened/Endangered Species	10	Certification by SC DNR, NRCS, USFS or other qualified professional
Unique Geologic/Natural Feature	10	Applicant must provide substantial evidence (e.g. Statement from a qualified agency or professional, description in publication, etc.)
Percentage of Property Sharing a Boundary with Protected Land <i>(Select the appropriate category.)</i>		"Protected Land" includes any land substantially protected from development through federal, state, or local designation. Applicant may be required to provide evidence if requested by OERC.
1% - 25%	4	
26% - 50%	6	
> 50%	10	
Historic/Cultural Features <i>(Allow points for one category.)</i>		
National Historic Register Designation	8	NHR designation letter from the Department of the Interior.
National Historic Register Eligible	7	Letter of eligibility from the SC State Historic Preservation Office.
Historic/Prehistoric Structures	5	Points to be determined by OERC according to evidence submitted by applicant. Suggested evidence may include photographs, statements by professionals regarding integrity of structures, publications, etc.
Historic/Prehistoric Site or Location of a Historic Event	4	Same as above.
Prime/Statewide Important Soil Types <i>(Select the appropriate category.)</i>		Prime or Statewide Important Soils overlay on current aerial photograph. Show total acreage of P/SWI Soils.
50 - 60%	6	
61 - 74%	7	
>75%	8	
Actively Farmed	5	Applicant must provide one of the following: -IRS Form Schedule F filed two previous tax years -IRS Form Schedule F filed seven of the last ten years -Documentation of selling and/or growing

		agricultural products in Oconee County for the previous two years. (e.g. Participation in Certified SC Program) OFRC reserves right NOI to award points, pending assessment of natural resource protection in conjunction with Oconee Soil & Water Conservation District.
Public Visibility of Property <i>(Allow points for only one category.)</i>		
Visible from Federal/ State Road	5	Documentation describing precise location of point along a Federal or State Road where property is visible. Include a photograph taken from this point.
Visible from Paved County Road	3	Documentation describing precise location of point along a paved County Road where property is visible. Include a photograph taken from this point.
Scenic View from Property	3	Points to be determined by OFRC according to evidence submitted by applicant. Suggested evidence may include photographs, publications, topographic map, description of mountains, rivers, or other features in the view.
Public Access <i>(Allow points for only one category.)</i>		
Limited	2	Points to be determined by OFRC according to evidence submitted by applicant. Suggested evidence may include formal agreements with agencies or groups authorized to use the property, description of use and extent of use (times/seasons when the property is accessible).
Unlimited	4	Same as above. How is availability advertised to or known by the public?
Funding Percentage of Conservation Value Requested <i>(Select the applicable category.)</i>		The Conservation Value of the property must be determined by a SC Registered Appraiser. Appraisal must be submitted with the application and shall be less than one year old at the time of application.
1% - 10%	3	
11% - 25%	2	
26% - 50%	1	
Threat of Development <i>(Select the highest applicable category.)</i>		
Property is within or adjacent to USFS property.	10	Measurements will be taken on aerial photography with the shortest distance between the property boundary and the municipality

		boundary.
Property is within one mile of an incorporated municipality.	3	
Property is 2 – 5 miles of an incorporated municipality.	8	
Property is greater than 5 miles from an incorporated municipality.	5	
Size of Protected Property <i>(Select the applicable category.)</i>		
51 Acres – 250 Acres	2	
251 Acres – 500 Acres	4	
> 500 Acres	6	
TOTAL POINTS		Maximum = 102