

## Clay County Forests and Farms Conservation Lands Program

### PROPERTY DECISION MATRIX SCORING RUBRIC

Clay County Land Conservation Program Property Decision Matrix								
Project Name - Property - Date								
CATEGORY	Criterion	WEIGHTING	Enter Criteria Value Based on Site Inspection	Average Criteria Score	Average Criteria Score Multiplied by Relative Importance			
(I-1) PROTECTION OF DRINKING WATER RESOURCES	A. Whether the property has geologic/hydrologic conditions that would easily enable contamination of vulnerable aquifers that have value as drinking water sources.		5					
	B. Whether the property serves an important groundwater recharge function.		5					
	C. Whether the property is in the catchment area for a community drinking water well or more than 5 individual private drinking water wells.		5					
(I-2) PROTECTION OF THREATENED & ENDANGERED SPECIES	A. Whether the property has documented federally listed or State listed species.		5					
	B. Whether the property contains plants or animals that are endemic or near endemic to Florida or Clay County.		5					
	C. Whether the property serves as documented or potential habitat for species with large home ranges.		5					
	D. Whether the property serves as a special wildlife migration or aggregation site for activities such as breeding, roosting, colonial nesting, or over-wintering.		5					
(I-3) PROTECTION OF RARE AND IMPORTANT HABITATS	A. Whether the property contains a diversity of natural communities.		5					
	B. Whether the natural communities present on the property are rare.		5					
	C. Whether the ecological quality in the communities present on the property is high.		5					
	D. Whether the property is adjacent to properties that are in a predominately natural condition, or are in public conservation ownership, have other environmental protections such as conservation easements.		5					
	E. Whether the property is relatively free from internal fragmentation from roads, power lines, and other features that create barriers and edge effects.		5					
(I-4) PROTECTION OF FARMS & WORKING FORESTS	A. Whether the property is in active agricultural use and follows Best Management Practices.		5					
	B. Whether the property is used for more than one agricultural product.		5					
	C. Whether the property has been in agricultural use for generations.		5					
	D. Whether the agricultural products from the property are sold locally.	5						
	E. Whether the property owner actively uses the property to support agri-tourism, agri-education or other events that showcase agricultural traditions.	5						
	F. Whether the property has high quality soils for croplands.	5						
	G. Whether the property has high quality soils for timberland.	5						
(I-5) SOCIAL AND HUMAN VALUES	A. Whether the property offers opportunities for compatible resource-based recreation, if appropriate.	5						
	B. Whether the property contributes to urban green space, provides a municipal defining greenbelt, provides scenic vistas, or has other value from an urban and regional planning perspective.	5						
AVERAGE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND HUMAN VALUES				5.00				
RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF THIS CRITERIA SET IN THE OVERALL SCORE		1.333			6.67			
(II-1) MANAGEMENT ISSUES	A. Whether the property has low incidence of non-native invasive species.		5					
	B. Whether it will be practical to manage the property to protect its environmental, social and other values (examples include controlled burning, exotics removal, maintaining hydro-period, and so on).		5					
	C. Whether this management can be completed in a cost-effective manner.		5					
(II-2) ACQUISITION ISSUES	A. Whether there is potential for purchasing the property with matching funds from municipal, state, federal, or private contributions.		5					
	B. Whether the overall Conservation Values justifies the potential cost of acquisition.		5					
	C. Whether there is imminent threat of losing the Conservation Values of the property through development and/or lack of sufficient legislative protections.		5					
AVERAGE FOR ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT VALUES							5.00	
RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF THIS CRITERIA SET IN THE OVERALL SCORE			0.667					3.33
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>								<b>10.00</b>