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Application #:	_____
Contract #:	_____
Interview Score:	_____
Applicant Total Score:	_____
Initial:	Date: _____

NCD&CS
ADFP Trust Fund
Agricultural Conservation Easements
Cycle III Criteria

Part 1: Easement/Property Information			
Name of Easement:			
Applicant Organization Name:			
Contact Person:			
County:		Acres in Easement:	
Total Requested from ADFP:	For Easement:	For other Expenses:	
\$	\$	\$	
Easement Length:			
	20 Years		20 points
	30 Years		30 points
	40 Years		40 points
	50 Years		60 points
	Other	Varies, but no more than	100 points
	Perpetual		100 points
			= _____ points
Is the land currently in active production?			
	Yes		25 points
	Partially		15 points
	No		0 points
			= _____ points
Is the landowner or family member the current operator of the farm/forestry operation?			
	Yes		25 points
	Partially		15 points
	No		0 points
			= _____ points
Does the county have an approved Farmland Protection Plan?	Yes		20 points
Does the county have a VAD program?	Yes		20 points
Does the county have an EVAD program?	Yes		20 points
Is the proposed easement enrolled in a VAD/EVAD program?	VAD		30 points
	EVAD		40 points
			= _____ points
What is the percentage of the proposed easement property with Prime, Unique, or Soils of Statewide Importance? (as noted by Soil and Water):			
	75% - 100%		25 points
	50% - 74%		20 points
	25% - 49%		15 points
	<25%		10 points
			= _____ points

Percentage of landowner's gross income received from agriculture and forestry:			
	75% - 100%		25 points
	50% - 74%		20 points
	25% - 49%		15 points
	<25%		10 points
		= _____	points
Is the landowner a member of any of these programs?			
	Goodness Grows in NC		25 points
	American Tree Farmer		25 points
	Forest Stewardship		25 points
	Century Farm Family		25 points
		= _____	points
Is the landowner a Limited Resource Farmer?			
	Yes		50 points
	No		0 points
		= _____	points
Is the landowner a Beginning Farmer?			
	Yes		50 points
	No		0 points
		= _____	points
	Total Entity Points (Part 1) = _____		points
			(maximum points = 500)
			(Use in Part 4)

Part 2: Location and Planning for the Future			
Land/Operation Management Plans (when applicable):			
	Having No Conservation Plan (10 acres or more)		minus 50 points
	Having No Forestry Plan (20 acres or more)		minus 50 points
	Having No Animal Waste Management Plan when applicable		minus 100 points
	Does the landowner have a business plan for the property?		50 points
	Has the landowner made arrangements in a will or estate plan to keep the land in productive hands?		50 points
		= _____	points
Parcel location:			
	Located in Military Air Space Training Route (or used for training)	Yes	50 points
		No	0 points
		<1 mile	1-2 miles
	Proximity to Military Base	50	40
	Proximity to State/Federal property used for the protection of agriculture, forestry, or wildlife	50	40
	Proximity to other protected ag, horticulture, or forestry lands	50	40
	Distance to closest city limits or recent non-farm development	50	40
			2-5 miles
			30
			30
			30
			30
		= _____	points
How recently has a \$5,000 or more capital agribusiness investment been made towards land parcel?			
	0 – 5 years		50 points
	6 – 10 years		30 points
		= _____	points

Threat of conversion: Probability of conversion within 5 years	
High probability (estate settlement, severe debt, condemnation, loss of support infrastructure, health problems, annexation)	50 points
Medium probability (debt, temptation from developers, family members not involved in operation)	30 points
Low probability (located in active farm community with active agricultural support system)	15 points
	= _____ points

Total Entity Points (Part 2) = _____ points
(maximum points = 450)
(Use in Part 4)

Part 3: Site Visit

Total Entity Points (Part 3) = _____ points
(maximum points = 550)
(Use in Part 4)

Part 4: Total Enterprise Program Points

Total Parcel Information Points (from Part 1 above)	+Total Planning Points (from Part 2 above)	+Total Site Visit Points (from Part 3 above)	= _____ points (maximum = 1500 points)
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Part 5: NC ADFP Trust Fund Staff Concurrence

I (we) concur with the points awarded to this offered land on this ADFP Trust Fund ranking worksheet. I (we) have reviewed the Farmland Protection Program eligibility guidelines and, to the best of my (our) knowledge, believe this land meets the eligibility criteria.

 (Signature of NCDA&CS Staff Member) _____
(Date)

 (Signature of NCDA&CS Environmental Programs Director) _____
(Date)