

## COUNTY RANKING SHEET

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

SCORE \_\_\_\_\_

**(1) Soil Productivity & Site Index Score (maximum 100 points)**

\_\_\_\_\_ pts.

**(2) Farm & Forest Capability (maximum 50 points)****(A) Cropland and pasture**

80% - 100%

\_\_\_\_\_ 25 pts.

60% - 79%

\_\_\_\_\_ 20 pts.

40% - 59%

\_\_\_\_\_ 15 pts.

20% - 39%

\_\_\_\_\_ 10 pts.

Less than 20%

\_\_\_\_\_ 5 pts.

**(B) Forest and Tree Cover**

over 50 acres

\_\_\_\_\_ 25 pts.

35 - 50 acres

\_\_\_\_\_ 20 pts.

20 - 35 acres

\_\_\_\_\_ 15 pts.

10 - 20 acres

\_\_\_\_\_ 10 pts.

5 - 10 acres

\_\_\_\_\_ 5 pts.

**(3) Land Use Compatibility (maximum 120 points)****(A) Development factors**

Number of developments rights, family conveyances, and/or density remaining on the property (minus 1 for main dwelling) (maximum 30 points)

\*commercial zoned properties receive 30 points

16 or more

\_\_\_\_\_ 30 pts.

11 to 15

\_\_\_\_\_ 25 pts.

7 to 10

\_\_\_\_\_ 20 pts.

3 to 6

\_\_\_\_\_ 15 pts.

less than 3

\_\_\_\_\_ 10 pts.

**(B) Proximity to priority areas (maximum 30 points)**

Within a Priority Preservation Area

\_\_\_\_\_ 25 pts.

Within 1 mile or inside the Development Envelope

\_\_\_\_\_ 20 pts.

Within a designated Rural Legacy Area

\_\_\_\_\_ 15 pts.

Within or adjacent to a Rural Village

\_\_\_\_\_ 10 pts.

Within or adjacent to non-AG zoning

\_\_\_\_\_ 5 pts.

**(C) Property Size (maximum 30 points)**

Greater than 200 acres

\_\_\_\_\_ 30 pts.

100 to 199 acres

\_\_\_\_\_ 20 pts.

50 to 99 acres

\_\_\_\_\_ 10 pts.

20 to 49 acres

\_\_\_\_\_ 5 pts.

Within development envelope (any size)

\_\_\_\_\_ 10 pts.

**(D) Protected Land Contiguous to Site (maximum 30 points)**Site is contiguous to land which is protected by  
a recorded conservation easement

\_\_\_\_\_ 15 pts.

Site is contiguous to federal, state or county owned land

\_\_\_\_\_ 10 pts.

Site is contiguous to in-term protected land district

\_\_\_\_\_ 5 pts.

**(4) Agricultural & Natural Resource Features (maximum 65 points)**

- (A) Current Soil Conservation Plan approved by the district or Forest Stewardship Plan prepared by a Maryland Licensed Forester. Landowner must supply a copy (maximum 10 points)
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| Meets current requirements and practices applied        | _____ | 10 pts. |
| Updated within 10 years and practices partially applied | _____ | 5 pts.  |
| No current plans  | _____ | 0 pts.  |
- (B) Land Management of Properties Assessed Agricultural per SDAT (maximum 10 points)
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|---|-------|---------|
| Fulltime owner/operator of an agricultural operation        | _____ | 10 pts. |
| Part-time owner/operator OR Land rented by full-time farmer | _____ | 5 pts.  |
| Assessment other than agricultural                          | _____ | 0 pts.  |
- (C) Forest Habitat Connectivity/Green Infrastructure (maximum 15 points)  
(per Harford County Green Infrastructure Plan)
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|---|-------|---------|
| Core area(s) of at least 1 acre present on the property     | _____ | 15 pts. |
| Hub area(s) of at least 1 acre present on the property      | _____ | 10 pts. |
| Corridor area(s) of at least 1 acre present on the property | _____ | 5 pts.  |
| No mapped features present on the property                  | _____ | 0 pts.  |
- (D) Water Quality Benefits (maximum 15 points)
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| Frontage on a Major stream, river or bay (at least 100')                           | _____ | 15 pts. |
| Frontage on a Minor stream (at least 300') and/or Wetlands present on the property | _____ | 10 pts. |
| Stream frontage less than those listed above, or within 1/2 mile of a Major stream | _____ | 5 pts.  |
| No mapped features present on the property   | _____ | 0 pts.  |
- (E) Special conditions (maximum 15 point sliding scale)
- Examples: High-value property, high risk of loss,  
significance of ag operation, young/beginning operator,  
other condition: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ pts.