

Land Trust Selection Procedures Worksheet 2: Criteria Evaluation

Project Name:		Project Number:	
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Owner Information (if Known):		
Owner's Name:	Telephone#:	Email Address:

Address:				
Civic address – street information				
Legal Description: Lot:		Concession:	Part:	Reference Plan:
Municipality:	County:	Province:	Postal Code:	PIN#:

Property Description:				
Type of Land:	Priority <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Adverse <input type="checkbox"/>	Land outside Trust <input type="checkbox"/>
Description of Property:				
Acreage:	Water frontage (length):	OP designation:	Zoning:	
Survey Available <input type="checkbox"/> Survey Attached <input type="checkbox"/>	Roll #:	Current Assessment:	Current Annual Property Tax:	
Number of Buildings:	Building type:	Age:	Condition:	
Neighbouring Land-use:				
Viewscapes:				
LACAC Designation:				

Criteria	+	=	-	Comments
3.1 Criteria Related to Priority Lands				
3.1.1 Natural Value				
a) areas designated as provincially, regionally or locally as having significant wetlands				
b) areas that are designated as provincially or regionally significant areas of natural and scientific interest				
c) areas of potential or actual habitat for species at risk (e.g. endangered, threatened or vulnerable)				

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d) areas of important habitat for other wildlife				
e) areas of rare ecological communities (e.g. prairies, oak savannah, pin oak swamps, old growth)				
f) areas of significant wildlife or fish habitats;				
g) areas of wildlife concentration				
h) areas of significant water bodies, rivers, streams, shorelines, valleys, wetlands, groundwater recharge areas, headwaters and aquifers;				
i) area of geological or geomorphologic interest				
j) areas that are a quality example of a representative or typical natural site				
k) areas designated for biodiversity purposes by regional agencies such as the Niagara Parks Commission				
l) areas designated in the Niagara Escarpment Plan as an Escarpment Protection Area or an Escarpment Natural Area, Niagara Escarpment Plan as an Escarpment Protection Area or an Escarpment Natural Area				
m) areas promoting the conservation of natural heritage and biodiversity that are identified within a regional or watershed plan or strategy developed by a recognized conservation organization				
n) areas identified as Carolinian Canada sites or alternate sites				
o) significant woodlands;				
p) areas with significant contribution to ecological integrity of a feature. Is a corridor, natural link, buffer or fills a gap with a recognized natural heritage framework (Niagara Natural Ecological Heritage Framework)				
q) areas designated Core Area, Corridor or Restoration Area in the Lake Ontario Greenway Strategy				
r) land adjoining lands owned by the land trust or other conservation bodies.				
s) areas within the Regional or Municipal Official Plan, Zoning By-Law, NEC Plan, Greenbelt Plan, and the Growth Management Plan under their various Acts designated as a Natural Heritage System, Environmentally Sensitive Area, Environmentally Significant Area, Environment Protection Area, Environmental Conservation Areas, Restoration Area or Open Space or other designation for similar purposes that is				

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compatible with the conservation of the biodiversity, ecological features and functions of the site				
Score:				

Criteria	+	=	-	Comments
3.1.2 Landscape Value				
a) prime farmland				
b) highly visible site				
c) significant viewscape or wide-angled view				
d) important topographical features (e.g. escarpments, Fonthill Kame)				
e) unique or highly distinct landscape.				
Score:				

Criteria	+	=	-	Comments
3.1.3 Scientific and Educational Value				
a) lands of demonstrated scientific or research interest				
b) lands of demonstrated educational interest				
c) lands of historical significance				
d) lands of archaeological site				
e) lands of distinctive or representative cultural heritage site				
f) lands of significantly contributes to the integrity of a scientific or educational feature				
Score:				

Criteria	+	=	-	Comments
3.2 Criteria Related to Other Lands				
3.2.1 Other Value				
a) Areas that have significant current or potential for enhanced ecological values through restoration, remediation, management or geographic proximity to other ecologically significant properties				
b) Areas of important cultural heritage sites (i.e., mills, museums, graveyards)				
c) Areas of urban forests				
d) lands adjacent to OMNR, OPG, NCC, Hamilton Naturalists Club, NPC, & NPCA holdings managed by a government or non-government agency				
e) Property that could be sold to support the Trust's work				
f) lands having other special merit				

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determined by the Board				
g) Areas adjoining the above categories and would act as important buffers or adjacent lands				
Score:				

Criteria	+	=	-	Comments
3.3 Other Criteria				
3.3.1 Criteria Related to Adverse Conditions				
a) evidence of dumping, contamination, degradation or other environmental liabilities (also consider nutrient deficient, railway beds, inactive gas wells)				
b) presence of storage drums or tanks, transformers, or septic tanks				
c) presence of protected water wells or gas wells				
d) presence of heating or fuel systems				
e) presence of radioactive, asbestos or other problem materials in buildings				
f) presence of fill on or substantial grading of the property				
g) financial risk or feasibility to acquire or manage the property				
h) stewardship responsibilities are manageable				
i) property is too small to maintain the environmental features for which it is to be acquired				
j) ethical or public image problems exist in association with the project				
k) project is part of a development proposal that overall will have significant adverse impacts on conservation				
l) the amount of the Trust's effort is out of proportion with the benefits to be gained				
m) property is not within, nor does it relate to, the Niagara Peninsula Watershed				
n) existing buildings and structures (i.e., maintenance insurance)				
Score:				

Criteria	+	=	-	Comments
3.3.2 External Influences				
a) property is to be donated				
b) transaction costs are minimal				
c) property stewardship and maintenance funds are available				
d) no property maintenance, restoration or remediation is immediately required, unless funding is available				

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e) property assessment and taxes are low or assistance or reduction programs are available				
f) zoning and other designations are favourable for conservation				
g) property is at risk of being converted from preferred use				
h) property has easy access by road or water for management purposes				
i) property has features under-represented in local protected sites				
j) project is likely to stimulate public funding, profile and support				
k) project initiates or is a precedent for additional conservation activity				
l) detailed background material on the site is available				
m) neighbouring uses are compatible with the Trust's intended uses				
n) property is the subject of expected or known Aboriginal interests				
o) property furthers or is consistent with government conservation plans at any level				
p) property has potential to generate revenues				
q) has other criteria of significance				
Score:				

Executive Committee Use:				
			yes	no
Is a priority land identified in section 2.1				
Funds are available				
Funds could be raised				
Resources are available to proceed with the Criteria Evaluation				
There are no obvious deterrents to further evaluation				
There are not several other projects under review that would prevent this project from proceeding				
Is the donor requiring conditions:				
			Not at this time	
Proceed with securement?			yes	no
Person designated to contact landowner				
Land Owner Notification				
Date:		Contact made by:		
Name of EC Representative:	Signature:	Date:		