

Appendix 3A Rating Factors Table

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Description	Source of data	Factor	Maximum Score for 100-acre Parcel
<u>Agricultural Resources</u>			
Prime agricultural soils	Soils designated "Prime," "Prime when drained" and "Other Soils of Statewide Importance" in the USDA Soil Survey.	Prime: 6 Prime when drained: 4.5 Statewide Importance: 3	600
Active farmland	Includes row/ field crops, pasture and orchards as identified in the 2003 land cover mapping prepared by the Canandaigua Watershed Council.	3	300
Agricultural District/ Ag. exemption.	Properties within the County Agricultural District <u>and</u> qualifying for an agricultural exemption. Based on Real Property data by parcel.	100	100
<u>Scenic Resources</u>			
Description	Source of data	Factor	Maximum Score for 100-acre Parcel
Highest ground	Land 1000 feet or more above sea level	3	300
Hilltops	Peaks and hills, both above and below 1000 feet. From USGS topographic quad maps	2	200
Scenic viewpoints	Viewpoints identified in the Town Comprehensive Plan.	50	50
Scenic Corridors	Scenic Corridors identified in the Comprehensive Plan and by the Committee	50	50

Natural Resources (Ecological communities identified in 2003 Land Cover mapping prepared by the Canandaigua Watershed Council.)			
Description	Source of data	Factor	Maximum Score for 100-acre Parcel
Wetlands (excluding forested)	Deep emergent marsh (S5), shallow emergent marsh (S5), reverted drained muckland (S5), shrub swamp (S5)	5	500
Woodlands (Excludes: successional shrubland and successional old field)	Floodplain forest, silver maple-ash swamp: (S2 S3) Appalachian oak-hickory forest, Beech-maple mesic forest (S4) Hemlock-northern hardwood forest (S5) Successional northern hardwoods, successional red cedar woodland, conifer plantation (S5)	9 7 5 3	900
Ponds	Includes: "eutrophic ponds" and "quarry ponds"	100	100
Streams	Streams classified by the NYS Department of Environmental Protection. Streams that drain into Canandaigua Lake are designated separately to reflect the objective of protecting the quality of Canandaigua Lake.	Canandaigua Lake watershed: 0.7 Other watershed: 0.5	NA
Significant geological/ecological features	Calcareous cliff community	200	200
Steep Slopes	(Steep) (Very Steep)	20	2000

NOTE: Shaded features are assigned a single rating for the entire parcel. The rating for other features is based on a factor multiplied by the area or length of the feature within the parcel.

Cultural and Recreational Resources			Maximum Score for 100-acre Parcel
Description	Source of data	Factor	
Historic sites	Identified in a survey conducted by the Landmark Society of Western New York. Currently, none of the historic buildings in the Town are listed in the National Register of Historic Places.	15	15
Land with potential for public recreational use	Undeveloped lakefront property Open space that may be suitable for a future Town Park.	Not yet designated	NA
Potential to enhance trail system	Land adjoining an existing or proposed trail	20	20
Potential to expand existing recreation	Land adjoining existing outdoor recreational parcels	20	20

Priority for Protection			Maximum Score for 100-acre Parcel
Description	Source of data	Factor	
Part of proposed conservation area outside of designated development areas of the Town	Delineated by the Committee based on distance from existing utility services and higher density zoning.	4	4
Currently preserved open space	Within 500 ft. of farmland, open space or natural resources owned by the Town of Gorham, Ontario County or private not-for-profit organizations, land protected by a permanent conservation easement, NYS regulated wetland or FEMA-designated flood hazard zone.	Publicly-owned open space: 10 Conservation easement: 10 Regulated wetland: 3 100-year flood zone: 3	16

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