

I. Project Application Evaluation Sheet

Cornwall Conservation Reserve Fund
Project Evaluation Sheet

Project: _____ Applicant/Landowner: _____

Evaluator(s): _____ Date: _____

Recommendation: _____

Criteria	Definition	Project Attributes	Project Strengths and Limitations
Agricultural Lands	Farmlands that are environmentally and economically viable, situated on primary (prime and statewide importance) agricultural soils and that are in compliance with Required Agricultural Practice (RAP) regulations, as published by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets and in force at the time of application.	Total Project Acreage: _____ Tillable (acres): _____ Open Meadow (acres): _____ Scrub Land or Reverting to Woodland (acres): _____ Date Last Farmed: _____	

Forests	<p>Forestlands that have been identified as forest blocks of ecological importance in the Cornwall Ecological Inventory or in the Vermont Agency of Natural Resource databases (ex. VT Natural Resources Atlas, and VT Biofinder).</p>	<p>Total Woodland (acres): _____</p> <p>Hardwood (acres): _____</p> <p>Softwood (acres): _____</p> <p>Mixed (acres): _____</p> <p>Date Last Harvested: _____</p>	
Wildlife and Plant Habitats	<p>Habitats for rare, threatened, or endangered animal or plant species; exemplary natural communities; and/or significant wildlife habitat including established wildlife corridors.</p>	<p>Rare Species: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Threatened Species: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Endangered Species: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Type of Wildlife Corridor: _____</p> <p>_____</p>	
Water Resources	<p>Wetlands, rivers, flood plains, streams, riparian areas, vegetated buffer zones, vernal pools, ponds, aquifer recharge areas, wellhead areas, and other lands necessary for wildlife diversity, ecological functions and the protection of drinking water supplies.</p>	<p>Wetland Type: _____</p> <p>Wetland (acres): _____</p> <p>Wetland Function: _____</p> <p>Other Water Resource Type: _____</p> <p>_____</p>	

Recreation	Lands that are suitable for or have an existing trail system for enjoying nature with minimal impact to natural resources. Properties that do or could provide public access to recreational resources, support access to natural areas or have public natural resource education possibilities.	Existing Trails (miles): _____ Potential Trails (miles): _____ Potential for On-site Parking (# of spaces): _____	
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Favorable Considerations may apply. Circle if applicable: F1, F2, F3, F4

1. The project will help to meet a strategic planning or land use goal identified in the Cornwall Town Plan and yield a benefit to the Town of Cornwall.
2. The project likely will attract funding from other organizations and sources.
3. The project involves a meaningful donation to the Town.
4. The project land provides outstanding scenic views.

Unfavorable Considerations may apply. Circle if applicable: U1, U2, U3, U4, U5

(A project may meet the selection criteria favoring funding and still may not be accepted if one or more of the following considerations apply.)

1. The property is found to be irreparably contaminated or the cost of clean-up is deemed too high.
2. There is reason to believe that the project would be unusually difficult to initiate, manage, enforce and/or sustain over the long-term.
3. Adjacent properties are being, or are likely to be, developed in a manner that would significantly diminish the conservation value of the proposed project property.
4. The applicant or landowner insists on provisions that the Conservation Commission believes would seriously diminish the property's primary conservation value.
5. The project is not large enough to make a significant conservation impact.

