

**FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING  
FOR CORRIDOR TYPE PROJECTS**

<b>PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>	3. Date of Land Evaluation Request	4. Sheet 1 of _____
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1. Name of Project	5. Federal Agency Involved
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2. Type of Project	6. County and State
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<b>PART II (To be completed by NRCS)</b>	1. Date Request Received by NRCS	2. Person Completing Form
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3. Does the corridor contain prime, unique statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - Do not complete additional parts of this form). YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	4. Acres Irrigated   Average Farm Size
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5. Major Crop(s)	6. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction Acres: _____ %	7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: _____ %
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8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used	9. Name of Local Site Assessment System	10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS
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<b>PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>	<b>Alternative Corridor For Segment</b>			
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	<b>Corridor A</b>	<b>Corridor B</b>	<b>Corridor C</b>	<b>Corridor D</b>
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A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly				
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B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services				
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C. Total Acres In Corridor				
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<b>PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information</b>				
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A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland				
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B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland				
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C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted				
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D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value				
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<b>PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information Criterion Relative value of Farmland to Be Serviced or Converted (Scale of 0 - 100 Points)</b>				
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<b>PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Corridor Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(c))</b>	<b>Maximum Points</b>			
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1. Area in Nonurban Use	15			
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2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use	10			
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3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed	20			
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4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	20			
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5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	10			
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6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	25			
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7. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5			
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8. On-Farm Investments	20			
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9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	25			
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10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	10			
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TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS	160			
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<b>PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>				
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Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100			
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Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160			
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<b>TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)</b>	<b>260</b>			
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1. Corridor Selected:	2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be Converted by Project:	3. Date Of Selection:	4. Was A Local Site Assessment Used?  YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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5. Reason For Selection:
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Signature of Person Completing this Part:	DATE
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**NOTE: Complete a form for each segment with more than one Alternate Corridor**

## CORRIDOR - TYPE SITE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The following criteria are to be used for projects that have a linear or corridor - type site configuration connecting two distant points, and crossing several different tracts of land. These include utility lines, highways, railroads, stream improvements, and flood control systems. Federal agencies are to assess the suitability of each corridor - type site or design alternative for protection as farmland along with the land evaluation information.

(1) How much land is in nonurban use within a radius of 1.0 mile from where the project is intended?

More than 90 percent - 15 points  
90 to 20 percent - 14 to 1 point(s)  
Less than 20 percent - 0 points

(2) How much of the perimeter of the site borders on land in nonurban use?

More than 90 percent - 10 points  
90 to 20 percent - 9 to 1 point(s)  
Less than 20 percent - 0 points

(3) How much of the site has been farmed (managed for a scheduled harvest or timber activity) more than five of the last 10 years?

More than 90 percent - 20 points  
90 to 20 percent - 19 to 1 point(s)  
Less than 20 percent - 0 points

(4) Is the site subject to state or unit of local government policies or programs to protect farmland or covered by private programs to protect farmland?

Site is protected - 20 points  
Site is not protected - 0 points

(5) Is the farm unit(s) containing the site (before the project) as large as the average - size farming unit in the County ?

(Average farm sizes in each county are available from the NRCS field offices in each state. Data are from the latest available Census of Agriculture, Acreage or Farm Units in Operation with \$1,000 or more in sales.)  
As large or larger - 10 points  
Below average - deduct 1 point for each 5 percent below the average, down to 0 points if 50 percent or more below average - 9 to 0 points

(6) If the site is chosen for the project, how much of the remaining land on the farm will become non-farmable because of interference with land patterns?

Acreage equal to more than 25 percent of acres directly converted by the project - 25 points  
Acreage equal to between 25 and 5 percent of the acres directly converted by the project - 1 to 24 point(s)  
Acreage equal to less than 5 percent of the acres directly converted by the project - 0 points

(7) Does the site have available adequate supply of farm support services and markets, i.e., farm suppliers, equipment dealers, processing and storage facilities and farmer's markets?

All required services are available - 5 points  
Some required services are available - 4 to 1 point(s)  
No required services are available - 0 points

(8) Does the site have substantial and well-maintained on-farm investments such as barns, other storage building, fruit trees and vines, field terraces, drainage, irrigation, waterways, or other soil and water conservation measures?

High amount of on-farm investment - 20 points  
Moderate amount of on-farm investment - 19 to 1 point(s)  
No on-farm investment - 0 points

(9) Would the project at this site, by converting farmland to nonagricultural use, reduce the demand for farm support services so as to jeopardize the continued existence of these support services and thus, the viability of the farms remaining in the area?

Substantial reduction in demand for support services if the site is converted - 25 points  
Some reduction in demand for support services if the site is converted - 1 to 24 point(s)  
No significant reduction in demand for support services if the site is converted - 0 points

(10) Is the kind and intensity of the proposed use of the site sufficiently incompatible with agriculture that it is likely to contribute to the eventual conversion of surrounding farmland to nonagricultural use?

Proposed project is incompatible to existing agricultural use of surrounding farmland - 10 points  
Proposed project is tolerable to existing agricultural use of surrounding farmland - 9 to 1 point(s)  
Proposed project is fully compatible with existing agricultural use of surrounding farmland - 0 points

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## Neptune Road Prime Farmlands Scoring Criteria Assumptions Memo

For more information on Farmland Conversation Impact Rating please see the Farmlands Evaluation Form AD-1006 “Steps in the Processing the Farmlands and Conversion Impact Rating Form” and PD&E Manual, Part 2, Chapter 6 - Farmlands (1/14/19)

Evaluation Assumptions:

- 1) This effort is being done to address Part VI of the Farmland Conversion Impact Rating Form.
- 2) The term “site” on Form AD-1006 is synonymous with the term “corridor” as referenced by 7 CFR Part 658.5 (12)(c).
- 3) Scoring Criteria and Kimley-Horn staff assumptions for each are as follows:

**1. Area in Nonurban Use:** How much land is non-urban use within a radius of 1.0 mile from where the project is intended?

Greater than 90% ----- 15 points

90-20% ----- 14 to 1 points

Less than 20% ----- 0 points

*Assumption:  $[(\text{Area of Non-Urban Land}) / (\text{Total Area of Buffer})] \times 100\% = \% \text{ of Non-Urban Land}$ . The surrounding land use within 1.0 mile is mixed with residential, commercial and services, wetlands and surface waters, and some agricultural land. Approximately 2,792 acres of 6,513 total acres (approximately 43%) would be considered non-urban land, therefore 6 points was assigned.*

**2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use:** How much of the perimeter of the site borders on land in non-urban use?

Greater than 90% ----- 10 points

90-20% ----- 9 to 1 points

Less than 20% ----- 0 points

*Assumption:  $[(\text{Perimeter Bordering Non-Urban Land}) / (\text{Perimeter of Proposed ROW})] \times 100\% = \text{Perimeter in Non-Urban Use}$ . Approximately 15,436 linear feet of the perimeter borders non-urban land. The total perimeter border is approximately 42,126 linear feet. Therefore, approximately 37% of the perimeter borders non-urban land. A score of 3 was assigned.*

**3. Percent of Site Being Farmed:** How much of site has been farmed (managed for a scheduled harvest or timber activity) more than five of the last ten years?

Greater than 90% ----- 20 points

90-20% ----- 19 to 1 points

Less than 20% ----- 0 points

*Assumption: Surrounding FLUCCS Codes are 211 (improved pastures), 245 (floriculture), and 261 (fallow crop land). Neptune Road is already an existing roadway and therefore a majority of the site is already roadway. Therefore, from site visit, less than 20% of the site is being farmed.*

**4. Protection Provided by State and Local Government:** Is the site subject to state or unit of local government policies or programs to protect farmland or covered by private programs to protect farmland?

Site is protected ----- 20 points

Site is not protected ----- 0 points

*Assumption: Site is not protected.*

**5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared to Average:** Is the farm unit(s) containing the site (before the project) as large as the average-size farming unit in the county? (Average farm sizes in each county are available from the NRCS field offices in each State. Data are from the latest available census of agriculture, acreage of farm units in operation with \$1,000 or more in sales).

As large or larger ----- 10 points

Below average ----- deduct 1 point for each 5% below the average, down to 0 points if 50% or more below average

*Assumption: Average farm size for Osceola County provided by NRCS in Part II of Form AD-1006 = 1499 acres. No farms are being impacted by the proposed project = 0 points.*

**6. Creation of Non-farmable Farmland:** If this site is chosen for the project, how much of the remaining land on the farm will become non-farmable because of interference with land patterns?

Acreage equal to or more than 25% of the total ----- 25 points

Acreage equal to between 5 to 25% of the total ----- 24 to 1 points

Acreage equal to or less than 5% of the total ----- 0 points

*Assumption: Form AD-1006 (03-02) instructions indicate transportation projects should be weighed a maximum of 25 points. No loss of access to the remaining farmland will occur as a result of the taking for Neptune ROW = 0 points.*

**7. Availability of Farm Support Services:** Does the site have available adequate supply of farm support services and markets, i.e., farm suppliers, equipment dealers, processing and storage facilities, and farmers markets?

All required services are available ----- 5 points

Some required services are available ----- 4 to 1 points

No required services are available ----- 0 points

*Assumption: All required services are available = 5 points.*

**8. On-Farm Investments:** Does the site have substantial and well-maintained on-farm investments such as barns, other storage buildings, fruit trees and vines, field terraces, drainage, irrigation, waterways, or other soil and water conservation measures?

High amount of on-farm investment ----- 20 points

Moderate amount of on-farm investment ----- 19 to 1 points

No on-farm investment ----- 0 points

*Assumption: The site does not contain any on-farm investments = 0 points.*

**9. Effects of Conversion on Farm Support Services:** Would the project at this site, by converting farmland to non-agricultural use, reduce the demand for farm support services so as to jeopardize the continued existence of these support services and thus, the viability of the farms remaining area?  
Substantial reduction of demand for support services ----- 25 points  
Some reduction in demand for support services ----- 24 to 1 points  
No significant reduction of demand for support services ----- 0 points

*Assumption: Form AD-1006 (03-02) instructions indicate transportation projects should be weighed a maximum of 25 points. No reduction in demand for farm support services is anticipated as a result of the conversion of farmland = 0 points.*

**10. Compatibility with Existing Agricultural Use:** Is the kind and intensity of the proposed use of the site sufficiently incompatible with agriculture that it is likely to contribute to the eventual conversion of surrounding farmland to non-agricultural use?  
Proposed project is incompatible ----- 10 points  
Proposed project is tolerable ----- 9 to 1 points  
Proposed project is fully compatible ----- 0 points

*Assumption: The proposed use of the site is the same as the existing use, therefore the project is fully compatible and will not contribute to the eventual conversion of surrounding farmland to non-agricultural use.*