

Exhibit A

<i>Island County Conservation Futures Program</i> Acquisition Project Evaluation Criteria				
MAXIMUM POINTS POSSIBLE				
CRITERIA	EVALUATION ELEMENTS	HABITAT PROJECT	WORKING FARM PROJECT	WORKING FOREST PROJECT
A. Conservation Values & Resources	1. HABITAT (Prescore / DNR)	10	10	10
	a. Biological function and environmental benefits, quality and importance of habitat type for specific species including salmonids.			
	b. Connectivity to and enhancement of other protected lands and important water bodies.			
	c. Site significance of habitat ecosystem: locally, regionally, or statewide.	10		
	2. WATER RESOURCES (Prescore/ DNR)	15	15	15
	a. Provides for protection of groundwater resources through aquifer recharge area protection. Groundwater susceptibility is currently mapped as Low, Medium or High susceptibility (as part of the county's CAO). (Ratings are low=1, medium=3, and high=5)			
	b. Provides for protection of groundwater resources / seawater intrusion risk (ICC 8.09.099). (Ratings are low=0, medium=1, high=3 and very high=5)			
	c. Reduces impact of surface water discharge. (Ratings are low=1, medium=3, high=5)			
	3. WORKING FARM & AGRICULTURAL		8	
	a. Agricultural soils quality and condition.		8	
b. Resource suitability for current and long-term production, existing and future agricultural income.	8			
c. Site significance of agricultural resources locally, regionally, or statewide.				
4. WORKING FOREST			8	
a. Timberland quality and condition.			8	
b. Resource suitability for current and long-term timber production, existing and future timber income.			8	
c. Site significance of timber resources: local, regional, or statewide.			8	
B. Appropriate Public Use and Enjoyment	Appropriate plans for access, trails, wildlife viewing, protection of scenic view shed, and historic values.	10	6	6

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C. Plan Consistency and Partnerships	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project named as a priority in a local jurisdiction's adopted plan(s) which identifies this site or habitat area for conservation purposes and/or appropriate public access. 2. Documented support for this project by planning partners, other organizations, and citizens. 		15	
D. Land Capacity Impact	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. (Planning / pre score) Planning Dept. determines project does not reduce the capacity of land suitable for development necessary to accommodate the allocated housing and employment growth, as adopted in the jurisdiction's planning policies. 		scores from negative 10 to 0	
E. Potential for Loss	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Immediacy and magnitude of potential loss of areas identified as having long-term rural significance or land suitable for conservation. 2. Immediacy of acquisition timing: opportunity with landowner and leveraged funding. 		10	
F. Assessment of Stewardship Viability	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stewardship needs are identified and adequately addressed with an appropriate management plan or application includes funding request for management plan. 2. Potential risks and liabilities to protect long-term conservation values and resources are identified and adequately addressed. 3. Identifies long-term costs of maintenance and capital improvements (if any) and are adequately addressed. 		15	
G. Financial Strategies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Acquisition cost efficiencies and financial strategy (including matching contributions) to leverage use of funds. 2. Strategy for managing future costs, liability and risk issues (for example, acquisition of minimum controlling interest). 		10	
TOTAL NON-BONUS POINTS			105	
BONUS POINTS				
H. ANNUAL Commissioners' Goals for Current Cycle			10	
			10	
			10	
			10	
TOTAL BONUS POINTS			40	
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS			145	