

necessary to ensure biodiversity will need to provide background information relating to the existence of these resources on the property. The existence of these items should be independently verified by the Scott County Rural Land Management Board staff or an independent non-profit conservation organization such as The Nature Conservancy. If the landowner can document that the parcel includes special natural protection areas not identified in the Rural Land Management Plan, the Application would receive not to exceed five (5) points.

(11) LINKAGES (4 Possible Points)

The purpose of this criterion is to protect linkages within the rural areas. This criterion examines whether the parcel is located near or has the ability to be linked to parks, nature preserves, nature sanctuaries, historic sites or other lands that have been specifically designated for long term natural resource use, conservation or preservation purposes. Distance is measured from parcel boundaries. These points shall be calculated as follows:

- Contiguous or provide direct linkage (4 points)
- Within 1/2 mile or provide a buffer (2 points)
- Within 1 mile (1 point)

(12) HISTORIC/CULTURAL RESOURCES (11 Possible Points)

The purpose of this criterion is to protect the historic/cultural resources of the rural area. Points in subsections (c) through (e) are in addition to any points accumulated from subsection (a) or (b), and shall be calculated as follows:

- (a) If any part of the property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, or is designated a local Historic Landmark (H-1), it would receive three (3) points, or if the property is determined eligible for the National Register it would receive two (2) points.
- (b) If any part of the property is located in a National Register Historic District, or is located in a locally designated historic district, it would receive two (2) additional points.
- (c) If the property includes stone fences, the property would receive two (2) additional points. A minimum of 100 linear feet of stone fence is necessary.
- (d) If any part of the property is designated as a national Historic Landmark, it would receive two (2) additional points.