

- (f) The landowner's preferred method of payment for the acquisition, including but not limited to, lump sum payment or payout over time.
 - (g) A statement by the landowner agreeing to allow inspection and appraisal of the parcel of land.
 - (h) A list of any and all liens and encumbrances on the parcel at land and a letter from the holder of such evidencing willingness to subordinate the applicant's interests to the Conservation Easement.
 - (i) Existence of any surface or mineral leases or easements.
 - (j) A filing fee, in an amount established by regulation adopted by the Scott County Rural Land Management Board.
 - (k) All other information requested on the approved Application Form.
 - (l) Checklist and Disclosure Statement: Tax implication information, inheritance law, issues of perpetuity, and conservation easement.
- (2) A member of the Scott County Rural Land Management Board staff shall review the Application to determine if it is complete. If the Application is complete, the staff shall make a preliminary evaluation of whether the parcel meets the minimum criteria established in ARTICLE III, Section 1. If it is determined by the staff that the parcel of land is eligible land, the staff shall notify the landowner in writing that the Conservation Easement will be considered for purchase or that, for reasons set forth in writing, the Application is being rejected. A landowner who is dissatisfied with the staff's determination may appeal to the Scott County Rural Land Management Board pursuant to ARTICLE III, Section 4 (3).

Section 3: Conservation Easements: evaluation by staff.

If the Application is complete and the minimum criteria established in ARTICLE III, Section 1 is met, the Application shall be evaluated and scored by the Scott County Rural Land Management Board staff. For purposes of this Section, less than one half acre shall be rounded down and one half acre or more shall be rounded up. This evaluation and scoring shall be done in accordance with the following criteria:

- (1) SIZE OF PARCEL (12 Possible Points plus 8 potential bonus points)

The purpose of this criterion is to assist in building a critical mass of agricultural land. These points shall be calculated as follows:

- (a) Basic: Over 350 acres (12 points)

251-350 acres (10 points)

121-250 acres (8 points)