

Possible points for ag board to consider –

Total of ~~100150~~ potential points. Range of points = ~~3575~~ – ~~100150~~ points

1-) Stewardship/Soil Conservation (~~510-2025~~ points)

- ~~2025~~ points - the property owner has worked extensively with Soil Conservation over a long period of time and the farm has numerous BMP's (stock watering devices, heavy use areas, etc)
- ~~1520~~ points – the property has numerous BMP's but the owner may be new and has not personally worked with Soil Conservation
- ~~1015~~ points– the property owner has previously worked with Soil conservation and has installed some BMP's
- ~~510~~ points – the property has some BMP's but the owner may be new and has not personally worked with Soil Conservation, or there are no BMP's on the property, but the property owner has now reached out to Soil Conservation and is working on a plan.

2-) Farming Operation – (~~510-2025~~ points)

- ~~2025~~ points – The property is a specialized or unique farming operation with extensive associated infrastructure
- ~~1520~~ points – The farm has extensive associated agricultural infrastructure
- ~~1015~~ points – The operation is a specialty, or unique operation
- ~~510~~ points – The farm has limited agricultural infrastructure

3-) Historic resources – (~~510~~ – ~~2025~~ points)

- ~~2025~~ points - includes a structure listed, or eligible for inclusion on the national register of historic places
- ~~1520~~ points - Includes a structure listed, or eligible for inclusion on the Maryland register of historic places
- ~~1015~~ points - includes a structure listed, or eligible for inclusion on the Howard County register of historic places

- ~~510~~ points – contributes to the historic character of the area

4-) Scenic Value (~~1015~~– ~~2025~~ points)

- ~~2025~~ points – located on a national scenic byway or Maryland scenic byway
- ~~1520~~ points – located on a Howard County Scenic byway
- ~~1015~~ points – contributes to the scenic nature of the area

~~5-) Owner Operated Farm (15 – 25 points)~~

- ~~• 25 points – purchase of an easement will assist in the transfer of the farm to a young farmer~~
- ~~• 20 points – owner occupied base for a farming operation~~
- ~~• 15 points – important rental property for other farming operations~~

6-) Green Infrastructure/water quality- (~~1015~~ – ~~2025~~ points)

- ~~2025~~ points – includes portions of the hubs and corridors
- ~~1520~~ points – drains directly into water supply reservoir
- ~~1015~~ points – streams on the property have the potential to significantly improve water quality