



TERRA

CORE Forest Fund-MVP Grant Round Scoring Sheet

Ranking Criteria (650 maximum points)		Maximum Points	Scored Points
Geographic Relevance			
Acreage/Land Protection (20 points)			
1.	Total Conserved Acreage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0.5 point per 100 acres 	20	
Proximity (80 points)			
2.	Adjacency to Parks and Conserved Lands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 points if located adjacent to a permanently conserved forested land 10 points if located adjacent to a permanently conserved non-forested land 0 points for no adjacency to permanently conserved land 	20	
3.	Proximity to Impact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 points if within 5 miles of the pipeline 20 points if within 10 miles of the pipeline 15 points if within 15 miles of pipeline 10 points if within 30 miles of pipeline 5 points if within 50 miles from pipeline 0 points if over 50 miles from pipeline 	30	
4.	Watershed Location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within impacted watershed (8-digit hydrologic unit) 	10	
5.	Serves a County Impacted by Pipeline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 points for projects located in county impacted by pipeline 0 points for projects located in county not impacted by pipeline 	20	
Geographic Relevance Scoring:			
Environmental Attributes (155 Points)			
Forest Quality (125 points)			
6.	<p>Project Will Permanently Protect Forestland That Is High Conservation Value (FCV4 and FCV5) VDOF Forest Conservation Value: analysis based on watershed integrity; size of forested blocks; management potential; connectivity and proximity to other conserved lands; threat of conversion, and diminished tree species and significant forest community attributes. <i>Scoring from high to low: FCV5 – FCV1</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p>Project Will Permanently Protect Forestland That Has High Ecological Integrity Scoring (C1, Outstanding and C2, Very High) Proximity to DCR-NH's 2017 VaNLA Ecological Cores: based on biodiversity, habitats, and ecosystem functions. <i>Scoring from high to low: C1 – C5</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 125 points if all a FCV5 or if all a C1 core or if adding new forest adjacent to one of these areas 100 points if part of a FCV5 or C1 75 points if all or part of a FCV4 or C2 core or if adding new forest adjacent to one of these areas 50 points if all or part of a FCV3, FCV2, FCV1 or C3, C4, or C5 core or if adding new forest adjacent to one of these areas 0 points if not part of or immediately adjacent to any scoring (no FCV or C value assigned) 	125	

Natural Resource Attributes (30 points)			
7.	Length of Stream Through Permanently Protected Forest (Existing or Planned) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0.5 point per 500 linear feet of intermittent or perennial stream or river. 	5	
8.	Area of Wetland in Permanently Protected Forest (Existing or Planned) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0.5 point per 0.10 acre of wetland contained within. 	5	
9.	Presence of Natural Heritage Rare Species and Rare Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 points for presence of a significant natural heritage forest community element occurrence 8 points for B1 & B2 Heritage rating 5 points for B3, B4 & B5 Heritage rating or presence of a T&E forest plant or insect 3 points for adjacency to a property with B1-B5 Heritage rating or with a T&E forest plant or insect 0 points for no rating (not in a natural heritage conservation site), or no presence of T&E forest plant or insect, and no adjacent properties with such values 	10	
10.	Presence of VDGIF Species <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 points for T&E animal or Tier I SGCN (not also listed as T&E) 3 points for Tier II SGCN 2 points for adjacency to a property with T&E animal or a Tier I or II SGCN 0 points for no T&E species/Tier I or II SGCN and no adjacent properties with such values 	5	
11.	Presence of VDGIF Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 points T&E water or wild trout stream on site 3 points for tributary of T&E water or wild trout stream 2 points for adjacency to a property with T&E water or wild trout streams or their tributaries on site 0 points for no T&E water or wild trout streams on site, no tributaries to said waters, and no adjacent properties with such values 	5	
Environmental Attributes Scoring:			
Project Characteristics (260 points)			
Acreage/Land Protection (15 points)			
12.	Restrictions on Parcellation & Building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 points for stringent restrictions 10 points for strong restrictions 5 points for moderate restrictions 	15	
Forest Activity (225 points)			
All forest (either existing or to be established) must be preserved in perpetuity as forestland			
13.	Forest Preservation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 point per 25 acres for the permanent protection of existing forest. 	125	
14.	Forest Restoration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 points per acre to create new permanent forest. Potential components include: planting plan, species list, management plan. 	50	
15.	Forest Enhancement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0.5 points for each forested acre that provides durable restoration or enhancement. This can be shown through plan of work, proposed easement restrictions, or through evaluation of the forest management plan. Potential components include: native species conversion tree planting, controlled burning, management of invasives, etc. 	50	
Opportunity for Success (20 points)			
16.	Ability of Applicant to Complete/Uphold Applicant has demonstrated organizational and financial capacity to ensure appropriate long-term stewardship of the property <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 points for documented financial and organizational capacity to conserve property in perpetuity 5 points for documented financial capacity to conserve property in perpetuity 1 point for limited financial capacity to conserve property in perpetuity 	10	

17.	<p>Project Readiness Readiness shown via landowner letter of intent, completed survey, title reports, appraisal, approved contract of sale, draft easement, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 points for very ready • 5 points for ready • 1 point for pending 	10	
Project Characteristics Scoring:			
Community Impact (135 Points)			
Public Access/Recreation Value (45 points)			
18.	<p>Public Access Proposed use must not degrade the forest ecosystem</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 points for 100% of the year • 20 points for > 50% of the year • 10 points for < 50% of the year • 0 points for no public access provided or planned degrading activity 	30	
19.	<p>Scenic Resources Protection Protects forested locally significant viewsheds, forested scenic viewsheds or land important to the protection of any federally designated Wild and Scenic River or American Heritage River in/or adjacent to Virginia, Virginia's Scenic Rivers, designated Scenic Roads, Virginia Byways, and/or recreational trails including greenways & blueways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 points for conserved land in direct viewshed of one of the listed resources • 0 points for conserved land not in direct viewshed of one of the listed resources 	15	
Alignment with State, Local, Community, and Regional Plans & Goals (20 points)			
20.	<p>State Goals/Plans Project in alignment with Virginia Outdoors Plan (Current Draft Plan), Wildlife Action Plan (2015), or Natural Heritage Need (Current Draft Plan) Page number must be specified</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 points if needs of all plans are met • 5 points if needs of two plans are met • 1 point if needs of one plan is met • 0 points if not identified in either plan 	10	
21.	<p>Local/Community/Regional Plans Supports local and/or regional comprehensive plan for parks, open space, and recreational facilities, and/or contributes to the protection of a state, regionally, or locally identified conservation corridor. <i>Plan name & page number must be cited. If not supported by text of comprehensive plan, a letter from locality showing the interpretation of plan does support proposal must be submitted.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 points if identified in local comprehensive or regional plans or if letter of support from locality based on plan interpretation provided • 0 points if not identified in or not in conformity with any plan and no letter of support from locality provided 	10	
Community Needs (50 points)			
22.	<p>Community Support Community support may be shown through support letters from conservation groups, land trusts, or resolutions from localities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional consideration should be given to the following: • Community connection to forest (geographic as well as cultural) • Educational component on forest ecosystem services • Community need for forest protection • Ability to aid in community healing process 	50	
Conservation Efficiency Factor (20 points)			
23.	<p>Ratio of Match</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 points for 80% or more of the total project cost • 15 points for 60% or more of total project cost • 10 points for 50% or more of the total project cost • 5 points for 30% or more of the total project cost 	20	
Community Impact Scoring:			

Technical Committee Score		
	Geographic Relevance	100
	Environmental Attributes	155
	Project Characteristics	260
	Community Impact	135

Total	650
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Benefit to the Commonwealth, VOF Board Evaluation Only

Benefit to the Commonwealth
 A qualitative analysis focusing on the benefit of a project to the Commonwealth. The VOF Board will rely on Advisory Council composed of Department of Environmental Quality staff for a comprehensive evaluation of environmental justice.

- **Regional/equitable distribution of funding**
- **Public benefit**
- **Environmental Justice**
- **Community Impact**
- **Return on Environment**

VOF Board Comments