

COSAC Open Space Application Evaluation

Each advisory committee member scores each criterion, and then the total scores are averaged. It is anticipated that projects will not score in every category. The scoring on this sheet represents the opinion of each committee member. These scores are for evaluation and ranking purposes only, are non-binding, and are to help make recommendations to the applicant and County Council for their final determination. The final recommendation and consideration may include additional factors, such as economic value, cost, and other funding sources.

	Points Possible	Score Given
<p>PROTECT SCENIC VISTAS</p> <p>The location is along major corridors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Major state highways b. Minor state highways c. Major county roadways d. Visibility e. Traffic counts f. Foothills 	15	
<p>PRESERVE OPEN LANDS NEAR VALLEY GATEWAYS</p> <p>The location is seen from major gateways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. View from entry way into the valley at the mouth of Wellsville Canyon or the transit through Wellsville Canyon b. First full view of the valley along Highway 30 heading east from Box Elder county (roughly 1.2 miles from county border) c. View from Highway 89 heading west from Logan canyon, just before the road drops down around the USU campus (roughly at 900 E.) d. View from Highway 91 just south of the Idaho border. e. View from Highway 91 north of Smithfield where the road traverses the side of Crow Mountain f. View from the rise along Highway 165 just north of Hyrum; g. View from the visitor center at the American West Heritage Center 	15	

<p>MAINTAINS AGRICULTURE</p> <p>Land evaluation components and other considerations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Soil Productivity Index (SPI) b. Land Capability Index (LCI) c. Size of Parcel d. Commercial farm activity e. Proximity to protected lands (APA's & CE's) f. Canals/ Laterals g. Century Farm Dedication 	15	
<p>MAINTAINS WATERWAYS</p> <p>The following will be included in consideration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Floodplain b. Wetlands c. Major Waterways d. Waterbodies e. Springs 	15	
<p>MAINTAINS WILDLIFE HABITAT</p> <p>The following will be included in consideration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Important Habitat Areas b. Wildland-Urban Interface c. Migratory Bird Production Area d. Deer & Elk Migration Corridors e. Mule Deer Habitat g. Deer & Elk Winter Range h. Fish Habitat 	15	
<p>ALLOWS PUBLIC ACCESS</p> <p>Please see the COSAC Trail Application for trail only projects.</p> <p>The following will be considered when scoring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A trail easement will be included in the project b. The project allows for another form of broad public access 	15	
<p>DISTINGUISHING FACTORS</p> <p>Other factors including uniqueness, historic value, urgency, irreplaceability.</p>	10	
TOTAL		100