

**FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING
FOR CORRIDOR TYPE PROJECTS**

PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)		3. Date of Land Evaluation Request 11/22/24	4. Sheet 1 of 2
1. Name of Project Cove Road PD&E Study from SR 76 to SR 51		5. Federal Agency Involved Florida Department of Transportation	
2. Type of Project Roadway Widening		6. County and State Martin County, Florida	
PART II (To be completed by NRCS)		1. Date Request Received by NRCS 11/25/24	2. Person Completing Form Josue Aceituno
3. Does the corridor contain prime, unique statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - Do not complete additional parts of this form). YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		4. Acres Irrigated 18,684	Average Farm Size 305
5. Major Crop(s) Forage; Citrus	6. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction Acres: 65,176 % 18.33	7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: 51,467 % 0.1	
8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used None	9. Name of Local Site Assessment System Soil Potential Rating	10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS 12/9/24	

PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)	Alternative Corridor For Segment			
	Corridor A	Corridor B	Corridor C	Corridor D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly	19.36			
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services	0.00			
C. Total Acres In Corridor	19.36			

PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information	
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland	18.1
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland	0
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted	0.03
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value	46.1

PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information Criterion Relative value of Farmland to Be Serviced or Converted (Scale of 0 - 100 Points)	45.9
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PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Corridor Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(c))		Maximum Points			
1. Area in Nonurban Use	15	2.5			
2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use	10	4.4			
3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed	20	1.0			
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	20	0			
5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	10	0			
6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	25	0			
7. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5	3.5			
8. On-Farm Investments	20	4.0			
9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	25	5.0			
10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	10	1.0			
TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS	160	21.4			

PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)					
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100	45.9			
Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160	21.4			
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)	260	67.3			

1. Corridor Selected: Cove Road Widening Alternative	2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be Converted by Project: 0.63	3. Date Of Selection: 11/1/24	4. Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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5. Reason For Selection:
Satisfaction of the project purpose and need; minimization of environmental, residential, and commercial impacts; and public support.

Signature of Person Completing this Part: **Austin Broadwater** DATE **12/10/24**

NOTE: Complete a form for each segment with more than one Alternate Corridor

CORRIDOR - TYPE SITE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The following criteria are to be used for projects that have a linear or corridor - type site configuration connecting two distant points, and crossing several different tracts of land. These include utility lines, highways, railroads, stream improvements, and flood control systems. Federal agencies are to assess the suitability of each corridor - type site or design alternative for protection as farmland along with the land evaluation information.

- (1) How much land is in nonurban use within a radius of 1.0 mile from where the project is intended?

More than 90 percent - 15 points
 90 to 20 percent - 14 to 1 point(s)
 Less than 20 percent - 0 points

*The surrounding land use within 1.0 mile consists of 35% non-urban land use.
 Non-urban land use is 35 to 39 percent = 2.5 points*

- (2) How much of the perimeter of the site borders on land in nonurban use?

More than 90 percent - 10 points
 90 to 20 percent - 9 to 1 point(s)
 Less than 20 percent - 0 points

54% of the land bordering the roadway corridor is non-urban = 4.4 points

- (3) How much of the site has been farmed (managed for a scheduled harvest or timber activity) more than five of the last 10 years?

More than 90 percent - 20 points
 90 to 20 percent - 19 to 1 point(s)
 Less than 20 percent - 0 points

FLUCCS Codes are 2110 (cropland and pastureland), 2120 (cropland and pastureland), 2130 (cropland and pastureland), 2500 (Specialty Farms). 20% is active pasture = 1 point

- (4) Is the site subject to state or unit of local government policies or programs to protect farmland or covered by private programs to protect farmland?

Site is protected - 20 points
 Site is not protected - 0 points

No local government policies protect Florida farmland = 0 points

- (5) Is the farm unit(s) containing the site (before the project) as large as the average - size farming unit in the County?

(Average farm sizes in each county are available from the NRCS field offices in each state. Data are from the latest available Census of Agriculture, Acreage or Farm Units in Operation with \$1,000 or more in sales.)
 As large or larger - 10 points
 Below average - deduct 1 point for each 5 percent below the average, down to 0 points if 50 percent or more below average - 9 to 0 points

The largest parcel is 127.22 (35.04) acres, which equals 41% of the county average = 0 points

- (6) If the site is chosen for the project, how much of the remaining land on the farm will become non-farmable because of interference with land patterns?

Acreage equal to more than 25 percent of acres directly converted by the project - 25 points
 Acreage equal to between 25 and 5 percent of the acres directly converted by the project - 1 to 24 point(s)
 Acreage equal to less than 5 percent of the acres directly converted by the project - 0 points

No loss of access to the remaining farmland will occur as a result of the taking for ROW and preferred ponds = 0 points

- (7) Does the site have available adequate supply of farm support services and markets, i.e., farm suppliers, equipment dealers, processing and storage facilities and farmer's markets?

All required services are available - 5 points
 Some required services are available - 4 to 1 point(s)
 No required services are available - 0 points

Many of the required farm services are available. Therefore, three and a half (3.5) points were used.

- (8) Does the site have substantial and well-maintained on-farm investments such as barns, other storage building, fruit trees and vines, field terraces, drainage, irrigation, waterways, or other soil and water conservation measures?

High amount of on-farm investment - 20 points
 Moderate amount of on-farm investment - 19 to 1 point(s)
 No on-farm investment - 0 points

Average conditions within the site are low to moderate on-farm investments. Some barns, field terraces, and drainage are present. Therefore 4 points were used.

- (9) Would the project at this site, by converting farmland to nonagricultural use, reduce the demand for farm support services so as to jeopardize the continued existence of these support services and thus, the viability of the farms remaining in the area?

Substantial reduction in demand for support services if the site is converted - 25 points
 Some reduction in demand for support services if the site is converted - 1 to 24 point(s)
 No significant reduction in demand for support services if the site is converted - 0 points

A low amount of reduction in demand for farm support services is anticipated as a result of the conversion of farmland = 5 points

- (10) Is the kind and intensity of the proposed use of the site sufficiently incompatible with agriculture that it is likely to contribute to the eventual conversion of surrounding farmland to nonagricultural use?

Proposed project is incompatible to existing agricultural use of surrounding farmland - 10 points
 Proposed project is tolerable to existing agricultural use of surrounding farmland - 9 to 1 point(s)
 Proposed project is fully compatible with existing agricultural use of surrounding farmland - 0 points

There is low potential for some adjacent properties to be affected by some form of future land development/conversion. Therefore, one (1) points were assessed.