

Newtown Connecticut
Criteria for Setting Open Space Protection of Properties

Property Name: _____

Location, Map No. or Address: _____

Date evaluated: _____ Modified Dates: _____

Evaluator Name: _____

Evaluation Criteria	Points	Score
1. Scenic and Aesthetic Value		
a. Visual value of the town and or surrounding properties	5	_____
b. Preserving ridgeline vistas	4	_____
c. Preserving street frontage consistency	2	_____
d. Allowing for un-obstructive views of open space vistas	3	_____
e. Protecting views from and around the town designated scenic spots	6	_____
Sub Total	20	_____
2. Protection of Water Quality		
a. Maintains and protects water quality	3	_____
b. Prevents erosion or polluted runoff (Point Source Specific and NPS)	2	_____
c. Protects public water supply (wellheads, aquifer, watershed area)	4	_____
d. Protects habitat of aquatic or amphibious species	2	_____
e. Protects Trout Habitat	4	_____
Sub Total	15	_____
3. Linkage to other protected lands		
a. The property augments existing protected lands, by expanding, buffering or connecting them:	6	_____
b. A corridor for wildlife (protected or not) including the sites importance to the movement of mobile species	5	_____
c. A corridor for people and trails (for non-motorized use)	4	_____
d. Providing protection for natural features for their ecological values (e.g. rivers, streams, ridgelines)	3	_____
Sub Total	18	_____
4. Ecological Conservation		
a. Conservation of soils, wetlands, beaches, rare plant and animal species	4	_____
b. Meets criteria set forth in Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 22a-36. for inland wetlands and watercourses	3	_____
c. Protects ecological diversity	2	_____
Sub Total	9	_____
5. Heritage / Recreation		
a. Landmark, historic, cultural, or archaeological significance	4	_____
b. Passive uses: photography, nature study, and bird watching, picnicking	4	_____
c. Trail usage: non-motorized. Horseback, Cross-country skiing, biking	4	_____
Sub Total	12	_____
6. Active Recreational Uses		
a. Topography and location suitable for ball fields, park or golf course	5	_____
b. Property adjoins existing town recreation facility	5	_____
Sub Total	10	_____
7. Development Potential (Homes)		
a. Number of possible units _____ x 0.5		
	Score Range: If one home, score = 1, otherwise, score cannot exceed 16 pts (32 homes)	1-16
Total		100

