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2006 NH LIP Ranking Criteria and Points

1. Proximity of project to program focus areas
 - a. In a focus area 10

2. Property supports one or more wildlife species at risk or species of concern, as identified in the Wildlife Action Plan (exclude big game species)(Max 15pts)
 - a. Documented 5
 - b. Probable 3
 - c. Add 2 pts for each additional documented species (10 added pts max)
 - d. Add 1 pt for each additional probable species (5 added pts max)

3. Property supports one or more plant species of concern, as identified on the Natural Heritage Bureau "endangered plant species" and/or "threatened plant species" lists (Max 15 pts)
 - e. Documented 5
 - f. Probable 3
 - g. Add 2 pts for each additional documented species (10 added pts max)
 - h. Add 1 pt for each additional probable species (5 added pts max)

4. Property supports one or more priority wildlife habitats (as identified in the WAP and listed as “priority habitats for LIP focus areas”) or exemplary natural communities or systems (as defined and documented by NH NHB)(Max 15 pts)
 - a. Documented 5
 - b. Probable 3
 - c. Add 2 pts for each additional documented (10 added pts max)
 - d. Add 1 pt for each additional probable (5 added pts max)

5. Conservation status of documented animal and plant species
 - a. One or more Federal T&E species 5
 - b. If no Federal, but one or more State T&E species 3

6. Ecological integrity of property
 - a. Property has no currently used wood roads, structures, borrow pits, cultivated or cut areas, or other evidence of human impacts 10
 - b. Property has roads for forestry or farming; has undergone recent management operations, but does not have significantly degraded natural habitats 5
 - c. Ecological restoration is needed and appropriate restoration plan has been developed and submitted with application 3

7. Landscape integrity of property
 - a. Within an unfragmented block > 10,000 acres 10
 - b. Within an unfragmented block > 5,000 acres 5

- c. Within an unfragmented block > 1,000 acres 3
8. Proximity of property to conservation land
- a. Abuts protected land; creates or adds to conserved block >1000ac 10
 - b. Abuts protected land; creates or adds to conserved block >500ac 5
 - c. Within one-half mile of protected land 3
9. Size of property to be protected
- a. 500 acres or more 10
 - b. 200 to 500acres 5
 - c. 100 to 200acres 3

Maximum points = 100