

WASHINGTON COUNTY PDR PROGRAM
Ranking Criteria

If you are interested in the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Program, please review the following criteria to determine if you are eligible for New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets State funding for PDR.

Priority Areas (95 total points):

- _____ 1. Agricultural Viability
(40 points max)
 - _____ 2. Development Pressure
(25 points max)
 - _____ 3. Buffers Natural Public Resources
(30 points max)
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Other Areas (95 total points):

- _____ 4. Long-term potential for the farmland to be protected to remain in production.
(20 points max)
- _____ 5. Likelihood of property's succession as a farm if present ownership changes.
(10 points max)
- _____ 6. Quality of the soil resources to be placed under a conservation easement.
(10 points max)
- _____ 7. The percent of the total farm used for agricultural production.
(10 points max)
- _____ 8. Extent to which property is bordered by or proximate to other protected farms or which may be expected to enter into such an agreement in the future.
(10 points max)
- _____ 9. Level of demonstrated farm management.
(10 points max)
- _____ 10. Cost in relation to acreage protected.
(10 points max)
- _____ 11. Level of landowner commitment expressed.
(5 points max)
- _____ 12. Reasonableness and feasibility of the proposed project.
(5 points max)
- _____ 13. Experience and ability of project staff to undertake the proposed activity.
(5 points max)

The above criteria are based on the 2004 State Assistance for PDR Technical Rating Form. If you meet the criteria and are interested in the program, please complete the enclosed application and send it along with soil information and maps to:

Agricultural Stewardship Association (ASA)
28 R Main Street, Greenwich, NY 12834

If you have any questions, please contact ASA at 692-7285 or teri@agstewardship.org.