

Land Acquisition Project Prioritization - Draft for Public Input

General Project Checklist (Required for All Projects based on BIL Funding Source)	
Located within the Long Island Sound Study (LISS) Coastal Boundary	
Accelerates and implements Long Island Sound Study's Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP)	
Provides demonstrated benefit to an Environmental Justice Community DEEP Connecticut Environmental Justice Communities map	
Builds adaptive capacity of ecosystems and communities (climate resiliency)	
Demonstrated willingness of landowner	

Prioritization Criteria (Each parameter has different weights)	
Ecological Value	55
Protects one or more of the LISS 12 priority coastal habitat types	5
Protects one or more of the 10 key habitats described in CT's Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy	5
Eliminates or decreases threats to Species of Greatest Conservation Need (sea level rise, invasive species, development, etc.), especially those that rely on near shore coastal islands, rare species habitat	5
Reflects coastal priority areas identified in local, tribal, regional or state plans (CT Green Plan, CT's Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program plan, CT SWAP Plan, LISS CCMP)	8
Project site is geographically contiguous to other protected areas and/or high priority habitat	5
Property does not require contaminant remediation per phase 1 environmental assessment	2
Property includes frontage on tidal waters or tidal wetlands	10
Property is under imminent threat of development or other modification that would diminish its natural state	10
Increases coastal habitat acres protected	5
Climate	10
Factored in anticipated climate change effects - designed to promote long-term sustainability of relevant habitats (e.g., beach/dune, coastal grassland, etc.), and to enhance the site's capacity for resilience to climate change and sea level rise	5
Project supports the migration of marshes	5
Environmental Justice and Community Impact	25
Project demonstrates engagement with local EJ Community through benefits, partnerships, or consultation	5
Project addresses the heightened vulnerabilities and disproportionate impacts that EJ communities face in relation to lack of coastal access, increased coastal hazards, and increased effects of climate change	5
Provides passive public access to green space or Long Island Sound with proposed signage	5
Property is accessible by public transportation or has free parking	5
Project provides additional public co-benefits directly addressing a community resilience need or known hazard, such as flood mitigation, passive public coastal access, enhanced quality of life, etc.	5
Project Details & Readiness	10
Project likely to be completed within the requested award period	2
Property appraisal is complete	1
Budget request is reasonable and justified	2
Involved the appropriate partners to execute the project	1
Community level support and engagement present	2
Includes a long-term plan for management	2

Total 100