

FCT Project Self-Score Check Sheet

The following check sheet is a helpful optional tool that can be used prior to preparing an application to determine if a proposed project is likely to achieve a competitive evaluation score. The higher a project's evaluation score, the greater the likelihood that it will be selected for FCT funding. While self-scoring a project, if you find that most of the criteria are not being achieved, you may wish to evaluate and consider another project. If you are in doubt about the competitiveness of a proposed project based on its self-score, please contact FCT staff to discuss the project.

Instructions: Review each of the following application criteria (listed in order by criterion number) and check those that would be achieved by the proposed project. Then total the number of points to the right of each checked box to determine the estimated total project self-score.

General Criteria Section

- 10 (1)(a) Entire site Pre-acquired within 24 months prior to application deadline.
- 5 (1)(b) Site has **not** been the subject of a land use or zoning change that allows an increase of either allowable density or intensity within the last three (3) years prior to the application deadline.
- 5 (1)(c) Site is part of or adjacent to a previously funded FCT project.
- 10 (1)(d)1a Medium to Large Local Government to provide 40-49% match.
- 20 (1)(d)1b Medium to Large Local Government to provide 50-59% match.
- 25 (1)(d)1c Medium to Large Local Government to provide 60% or more match.
- 10 (1)(d)2a Small Local Government or Nonprofit to provide 10-19% match.
- 20 (1)(d)2b Small Local Government or Nonprofit to provide 20-29% match.
- 25 (1)(d)2c Small Local Government or Nonprofit to provide 30% or more match.
- 8 (1)(e)1 Applicant is requesting a grant award amount that does not exceed \$1,500,000.
- 4 (1)(e)2 Applicant is requesting a grant award amount that does not exceed \$2,500,000.
- 2 (1)(e)3 Applicant is requesting a grant award amount that does not exceed \$3,500,000.
- 5 (1)(f) First application to FCT, previous project not selected for funding or nothing acquired.
- 5 (1)(g) Site to be acquired by less than fee simple acquisition by acquiring a conservation easement over at least 25 percent of the Project Site, with a minimum of at least five acres placed in a conservation easement.

Outdoor Recreation, Natural and Cultural Resources Section

Outdoor Recreation/Open Space

- 2 (2)(a)1a Site will contain a functional walking, nature, bike, equestrian or multi-use trail.
- 5 (2)(a)1b Site will contain a functional trail that is at least one-half mile in length.
- 2 (2)(a)1c Site will include benches along the trail.
- 1 (2)(a)1d Site will include a water fountain at the trailhead or along the trail.
- 7 (2)(a)2a Site will include two different types of recreational facilities.
- 8 (2)(a)2b Site will include three different types of recreational facilities.
- 9 (2)(a)2c Site will include four or more different types of recreational facilities.

- 10 (2)(a)3 Site will include public access facilities to an existing open water or beach, such as a fishing pier, boat ramp, canoe/kayak launching facility, observation platform, dock or dune walkover.
- 5 (2)(a)4a Site is located within an Urban Service Area.
- 5 (2)(a)4b Site is located in an Urban Service Area and within ½-mile of commercial or industrial urban area.

Connectivity

- 5 (2)(b)1 Site will be connected to adjacent neighborhoods by an existing sidewalk(s) or a proposed sidewalk(s) that is within an existing right-of-way.
- 3 (2)(b)2a Site is adjacent to an existing publicly-owned infrastructure facility, such as a fire station, police station, museum, school or library.
- 5 (2)(b)2b Site is adjacent to existing publicly-owned conservation or recreation lands.
- 5 (2)(b)3 Site is adjacent to publicly-owned lands, excluding road right-of-ways, that contain a recreational trail that connects to an existing local, regional statewide land-based recreational trail system or lands that are located within the Preferred Routing Corridor of the Florida National Scenic Trail.
- 5 (2)(b)4 Site will expand a local, regional or statewide Ecological Corridor.
- 5 (2)(b)5 Site will enhance a State Designated Paddling Trail by providing facilities, including a paddling trail sign, canoe/kayak launch, and restrooms.

Education

- 5 (2)(c)1 Site will include an interpretive kiosk.
- 3 (2)(c)2 Site will provide at least 6 educational classes or programs annually.
- 2 (2)(c)3a Applicant will construct a new building of at least 1,000 square feet to house a staffed Neighborhood Recreation Center, nature center or museum that provides year-round educational classes or programming.
- 3 (2)(c)3b Applicant will construct a new building of at least 1,000 square feet designed and constructed to meet the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED™) Green Building Rating System for New Construction and Major Renovations Version 2.2, to house a staffed Neighborhood Recreation Center, nature center or museum building that provides year-round educational classes or programming.
- 6 (2)(c)3c Applicant will use an existing building, that contains at least 1,000 square feet of enclosed area, for a staffed Neighborhood Recreation Center, nature center or museum building that provides year-round educational classes or programming.
- 7 (2)(c)3d Applicant will use of an existing building, that contains at least 1,000 square feet of enclosed area, for a staffed Neighborhood Recreation Center, nature center or museum building that provides year-round educational classes or programming and will retrofit the building to meet the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED™) Green Building Rating System for New Construction and Major Renovations Version 2.2.

Protecting Natural or Biological Resources

- 5 (2)(d)1 Seventy percent of the Site contains predominantly Natural Communities that have not been impacted by human disturbance or alteration.
- 5 (2)(d)2 Site provides Listed Animal Species Habitat.
- 3 (2)(d)3 Site contains a Locally Significant Natural Area as identified by the Florida Natural Areas Inventory.
- 2 (2)(d)4a Site contains habitat recognized as typically suitable for one or more Listed

Animal Species and less than twenty-five percent of the Project Site is currently located in, or was located in at the time of acquisition, a Strategic Habitat Conservation Area, as identified by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

- 4 (2)(d)4b Site contains Habitat recognized as typically suitable for one or more Listed Animal Species and twenty-five to forty-nine percent of the Project Site is currently located in, or was located in at the time of acquisition, a Strategic Habitat Conservation Area, as identified by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
- 7 (2)(d)4c Site contains Habitat recognized as typically suitable for one or more Listed Animal Species and fifty percent or more of the Project Site is currently located in, or was located in at the time of acquisition, a Strategic Habitat Conservation Area, as identified by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
- 3 (2)(d)5 Site contains land that will be managed in cooperation with Florida Forest Service's Stewardship Program.
- 5 (2)(d)6 Site contains priority habitat as identified by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) that will be managed in cooperation with FWC's Landowner Assistance Program.

Vegetative Enhancement

- 2 (2)(e)1a At least 1 acre of the disturbed upland area on the site will be planted with native vegetation.
- 5 (2)(e)1b At least 5 acres of the disturbed upland area on the site will be planted with native vegetation.
- 7 (2)(e)1c At least 10 acres of the disturbed upland area on the site will be planted with native vegetation.
- 1 (2)(e)2a At least 150 linear feet of the disturbed shoreline on the site will be planted with native vegetation.
- 2 (2)(e)2b At least 300 linear feet of the disturbed shoreline on the site will be planted with native vegetation.
- 4 (2)(e)2c At least 600 linear feet of the disturbed shoreline on the site will be planted with native vegetation.
- 3 (2)(f)1 Site will improve the quality of surface waters or address current flooding problems occurring on, adjacent or in close proximity to the site in a park-like or natural setting.
- 5 (2)(f)2 Site will protect adjacent Outstanding Florida Waters.
- 3 (2)(f)3 Site will protect adjacent Class I Waters.
- 2 (2)(g)1 Site includes a Florida Master Site File feature.
- 5 (2)(g)2 Site includes a resource that is listed in the Florida Master Site File and has been evaluated by the Division of Historical Resources as meeting the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
- 7 (2)(g)3 Site includes a feature listed on National Register of Historic Places.

Community Planning Section

- 5 (3)(a)1 Plan directive to maintain or improve adopted recreation Level-of-Service standards.
- 5 (3)(a)2 Plan directive for public acquisition of natural areas or open space.
- 5 (3)(a)3 Plan directive to provide public access to water bodies and beaches.

- 5 (3)(a)4 Plan directive for creating new or enhanced Greenways, Ecological Corridors or Recreational Trail Systems.
- 5 (3)(a)5 Plan directive to preserve Natural Communities or Listed Animal Species Habitat.
- 5 (3)(a)6 Plan directive for restoring or enhancing degraded natural areas such as restoration of Natural Communities, restoration of natural hydrology or removal of non-native vegetation.
- 5 (3)(a)7 Plan directive to ensure the protection or enhancement of surface water Quality.
- 5 (3)(a)8 Plan directive to preserve historical, cultural or archaeological resources.
- 5 (3)(a)9 Plan directive for urban infill, redevelopment or downtown revitalization area.
- 2 (3)(b)1a Up to 25 percent of the site is located in a 100-year flood plain or a Coastal High Hazard Area.
- 3 (3)(b)1b At least 25 percent but less than 50 percent of the site is located in a 100-year flood plain or a Coastal High Hazard Area.
- 4 (3)(b)1c At least 50 percent but less than 75 percent of the site is located in a 100-year flood plain or a Coastal High Hazard Area.
- 5 (3)(b)1d Over 75 percent of the Project Site is located in a 100-year flood plain or a Coastal High Hazard Area.
- 5 (3)(b)2 Site located in state-designated brownfield area.
- 12 (3)(b)3a Site is adjacent to a Major Military Installation.
- 7 (3)(b)3b Site is located within one mile of a Major Military Installation.
- 2 (3)(b)3c Site is located within two miles of a Major Military Installation.
- 10 (3)(c)1 Site located in a designated Front Porch Florida Community.
- 5 (3)(c)2 Site located in area designated an active Florida Main Street Community.
- 5 (3)(c)3 Site located in current or previously designated Waterfronts Florida Community.
- 10 (3)(c)4 Site located in designated low-income community.
- 10 (3)(c)5 Site located in designated Rural Area of Opportunity (formerly Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern
- 5 (3)(c)6 Site located in locally designated Community Redevelopment Area.
- 5 (3)(c)7 Site located in designated or previously designated Area of Critical State Concern.

Project Excellence Section

- 0-10 (4) Project Excellence (up to 10 points awarded by FCT Governing Board)

_____ Estimated Project Self-Score Points

NOTE: There is no set scale to determine the merits of a particular project or how likely it is to receive funding. Whether a certain project is funded by Florida Communities Trust depends on the merits of all proposals submitted during the same application cycle. It is extremely important to choose a project site and prepare an FCT grant application that will score as many points as possible.