

(I) THE DEGREE TO WHICH PROPOSED FEE OR EASEMENT PURCHASES WILL PROTECT THE LOCATION, PROXIMITY, AND SIZE OF CONTIGUOUS BLOCKS OF LANDS, GREEN BELTS OR GREENWAYS, OR AGRICULTURAL, FORESTRY, OR NATURAL RESOURCE CORRIDORS;

(II) THE NATURE, SIZE, AND IMPORTANCE OF THE LAND AREA TO BE PROTECTED, SUCH AS FARMLAND, FORESTS, WETLANDS, WILDLIFE HABITAT AND PLANT SPECIES, ~~INCLUDING RARE, THREATENED, OR ENDANGERED SPECIES~~, VEGETATIVE BUFFERS, OR BAY OR WATERFRONT ACCESS; AND

(III) THE QUALITY AND PUBLIC OR ECONOMIC VALUE OF THE LAND;

(2) THE DEGREE OF THREAT TO THE RESOURCES AND CHARACTER OF THE AREA PROPOSED FOR PRESERVATION, AS REFLECTED BY PATTERNS AND TRENDS OF DEVELOPMENT AND LANDSCAPE MODIFICATIONS IN AND SURROUNDING THE PROPOSED RURAL LEGACY AREA;

(3) THE SIGNIFICANCE AND EXTENT OF THE CULTURAL RESOURCES PROPOSED FOR PROTECTION THROUGH FEE SIMPLE PURCHASES, INCLUDING THE IMPORTANCE OF HISTORIC SITES AND SIGNIFICANT ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS AND THE DEGREE TO WHICH THE PROPOSED FEE OR EASEMENT PURCHASES WILL PROTECT THE CULTURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES;

(4) THE ECONOMIC VALUE OF THE RESOURCE-BASED INDUSTRIES OR SERVICES PROPOSED FOR PROTECTION THROUGH LAND CONSERVATION, SUCH AS AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, RECREATION, AND TOURISM;

(5) THE OVERALL QUALITY AND COMPLETENESS OF THE RURAL LEGACY PLAN, INCLUDING:

(I) THE DEGREE TO WHICH EXISTING PLANNING, ZONING, AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT POLICIES ~~CONTRIBUTING~~ CONTRIBUTE TO LAND CONSERVATION AND THE PROTECTION OF CULTURAL RESOURCES;

(II) THE DEGREE TO WHICH THE PROPOSED PLAN IS CONSISTENT WITH THE APPLICABLE LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, INCLUDING PROTECTION OF SENSITIVE AREAS AND MINERAL RESOURCES;

~~(III)~~ (III) HOW WELL EXISTING OR NEW CONSERVATION PROGRAMS ARE COORDINATED WITH THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION PLAN;

~~(IV)~~ (IV) HOW WELL THE PLAN WILL MAXIMIZE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS IN CONTIGUOUS BLOCKS OF LAND WITHIN THE RURAL LEGACY AREA WHILE PROVIDING FOR PROTECTION OF ISOLATED ACQUISITIONS IMPORTANT TO THE PLAN;

~~(V)~~ (V) PROVISIONS FOR PROTECTION OF RESOURCES, SUCH AS VOLUNTARILY GRANTED OR PURCHASED EASEMENTS, FEE ESTATE PURCHASES, OR GIFTS OF LANDS;