

(A) (VI) HOW THE SPONSOR PLANS TO MANAGE, PRIORITIZE, AND SEQUENCE EASEMENT AND LAND ACQUISITIONS;

(A) (VII) METHODOLOGY FOR PRIORITIZING AND VALUING OR APPRAISING EASEMENTS;

(A) (VIII) PROPOSED TITLEHOLDERS FOR EASEMENT OR FEE ESTATE ACQUISITIONS; AND

(A) (IX) THE QUALITY OF THE PROPOSED STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM FOR HOLDING AND MONITORING OF EASEMENT RESTRICTIONS IN PERPETUITY;

(6) THE STRENGTH AND QUALITY OF PARTNERSHIPS CREATED FOR LAND CONSERVATION AMONG FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND LAND TRUSTS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN, INCLUDING:

(I) FINANCIAL SUPPORT;

(II) DEDICATION OF STAFF AND RESOURCES; AND

(III) COMMITMENT TO AND DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL LAND CONSERVATION POLICIES, SUCH AS CHANGES IN ZONING AND USE OF TRANSFERABLE DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS;

(7) THE EXTENT TO WHICH FEDERAL OR OTHER GRANT PROGRAMS WILL SERVE AS A FUNDING MATCH; AND

(8) A SPONSOR'S ABILITY TO CARRY OUT THE PROPOSED RURAL LEGACY PLAN AND THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM.

(D) THE BOARD:

(1) SHALL REVIEW APPLICATIONS AND MAY REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM A SPONSOR;

(2) SHALL SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO APPROPRIATE STATE AGENCIES AND TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY THIS SUBTITLE AND CONSIDER ANY RECOMMENDATIONS MADE REGARDING THE APPLICATIONS; AND

(3) MAY NEGOTIATE THE TERMS OF AN APPLICATION AND PROPOSED RURAL LEGACY AREA AND PLAN WITH A SPONSOR.

(E) (1) A SPONSOR SHALL ASSURE ADEQUATE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN APPLICATION AND PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH A SUMMARY OF THAT PARTICIPATION.

(2) (1) IF AN APPLICATION PROPOSES A RURAL LEGACY AREA LOCATED WITHIN 1 MILE OF THE BOUNDARY OF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, THE SPONSOR SHALL CONSULT WITH THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION BEFORE FILING THE APPLICATION AND SHALL PROVIDE THE BOARD