



# **Appendix E**

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## **USDA Farmland Conversion Impact Rating Form**

U.S. Department of Agriculture

# FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING

RT I (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Date Of Land Evaluation Request March 24, 1998	
Name Of Project Antelope Valley Major Investment Study		Federal Agency Involved FHWA, U.S. COE	
Proposed Land Use Transportation Alignment		County And State Lancaster, Nebraska	
PART II (To be completed by SCS)		Date Request Received By SCS 3/27/98	

Does the site contain prime, unique, statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply -- do not complete additional parts of this form).		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Acres Irrigated 16,000	Average Farm Size 305
Major Crop(s) corn	Farmable Land In Govt. Jurisdiction Acres: 460,666 % 85	Amount Of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: 252,900 % 47			
Name Of Land Evaluation System Used LESA-NRCS	Name Of Local Site Assessment System none	Date Land Evaluation Returned By SCS 3/31/98			

PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)	Alternative Site Rating			
	Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly	15			
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly	0			
C. Total Acres In Site	15			

PART IV (To be completed by SCS) Land Evaluation Information	
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland	10
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland	0
C. Percentage Of Farmland In County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted	0.003
D. Percentage Of Farmland In Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value	23

PART V (To be completed by SCS) Land Evaluation Criterion	
Relative Value Of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points)	78

PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Maximum Points			
Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(b))					
1. Area In Nonurban Use	15	0			
2. Perimeter In Nonurban Use	10	0			
3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed	20	0			
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	20	0			
5. Distance From Urban Builtup Area	--	0			
6. Distance To Urban Support Services	--	0			
7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	10	0			
8. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	25	0			
9. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5	5			
10. On-Farm Investments	20	1			
11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	25	0			
12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	10	5			
<b>TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>11</b>			

PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)					
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100	78			
Total Site Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160	11			
<b>TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>89</b>			

Site Selected: Draft Single Package	Date Of Selection	Was A Local Site Assessment Used? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Reason For Selection:  
Impacts below FHWA T-6640.8A requirements for farmland avoidance.