

**FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING
FOR CORRIDOR TYPE PROJECTS**

PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)	3. Date of Land Evaluation Request 3/6/2024	4. Sheet 1 of <u>1</u>
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1. Name of Project US 219 Section 050	5. Federal Agency Involved Federal Highway Administration
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2. Type of Project new highway connection	6. County and State Somerset, PA; Garrett, MD
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PART II (To be completed by NRCS)	1. Date Request Received by NRCS	2. Person Completing Form
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3. Does the corridor 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 type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	4. Acres Irrigated Average Farm Size
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5. Major Crop(s)	6. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction Acres: _____ %	7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: _____ %
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8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used	9. Name of Local Site Assessment System	10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS
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PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)	Alternative Corridor For Segment			
	DU Modified	DU Shift Modified	E Modified	E Shift Modified
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly	135.80	135.83	101.92	101.80
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services	4.97	4.97	4.97	4.97
C. Total Acres In Corridor	140.77	140.80	106.89	106.77

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

PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information Criterion Relative value of Farmland to Be Serviced or Converted (Scale of 0 - 100 Points)				

PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Corridor Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(c))	Maximum Points				
1. Area in Nonurban Use	15	14	14	15	15
2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use	10	10	10	10	10
3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed	20	0	0	0	0
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	20	15	15	15	15
5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	10	4	4	1	1
6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	25	0	0	0	0
7. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5	4	4	4	4
8. On-Farm Investments	20	5	5	3	3
9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	25	0	0	0	0
10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	10	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS	160	52	52	48	48

PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)					
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)					
Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160	52	52	48	48
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)	260				

1. Corridor Selected:	2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be Converted by Project:	3. Date Of Selection:	4. Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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5. Reason For Selection:

Catherino Dress

March 6, 2024

Signature of Person Completing this Part:

DATE

NOTE: Complete a form for each segment with more than one Alternate Corridor

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Catherine Dress

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Catherine,

Thank you for your report. I concur with your findings regarding the FPPA and that the project will have no impacts to NRCS interests of easements and dams. Yours is one of the most comprehensive reports as regards to the scoring in Part VI of the CPA106. Thank you.

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Yuri Plowden, PA State Soil Scientist,
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Ms. Plowden,

The Federal Highway Administration, in coordination with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the Maryland State Highway Administration, is pleased to submit the completed **NRCS-CPA-106 Farmland Conversion Impact Rating Form** prepared for the US 6219 Section 050 Transportation Improvement Project. The project is the proposed construction of an 8 mile (6 miles in Pennsylvania and 2 miles in Maryland) four-lane limited access facility on new alignment. This project would connect the newly constructed portion of

US 219 in Garrett County Maryland to the Meyersdale Bypass in Somerset County, PA. Included in the attachment is a Project Summary and Project Location Map.

Also included in the attachment is the Project Assumptions for the Farmland Conversion Impact Rating Form, and the NRCS Web Soil Survey Maps/ Farmland Classifications for each of the four project alternatives. Note, for this project, the Total Corridor Assessment Criteria point value ranges between 48 and 52 for the four project alternatives. These point totals combined with a maximum possible scoring of 100 in Part IV: Land Evaluation Information would fall below the threshold (160 points) for requiring the development of further farmland soil avoidance alternatives. As a result, the proposed project is in compliance with the FPPA. This submission is being made for information purposes.

Please review the attachment and forward any questions or concerns.

Thank you,



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