

Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) Land Acquisition Application and Ranking Criteria

Owner Name:

Mailing Address:

Street:

City:

State:

Zip:

Parcel Address:

Street:

City:

State:

Zip:

Parcel ID#:

Legal Description (or attach copy of Deed):

Name of Adjacent Waterway or Waterbody:

Size of Parcel in Acres:

Zoning Designation:

Description of any existing components of the property (house, building, bulkhead, pier, etc):

Please provide copies of the following if available:

- Property Survey
- Appraisal
- Vicinity Map
- Photos of subject property

Ranking Criteria

Voluntarily submitted property will be ranked by the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources CIAP Committee based on the following criteria to determine the most suitable properties that match with the goals and objectives of the CIAP.

1. Contribution to Ecosystem Function and Value –

High

Large tract containing exceptional natural habitat quality and species diversity; supports or able to support rare, threatened and endangered species and ecological communities with state, regional or national importance; invasive species occurrence & threat is minimal; adds or links to existing large conservation areas; provides significant watershed functions.

Medium

Tract contains moderate natural habitat quality and species diversity over the majority of the site; ecological values somewhat degraded due to human activities/neglect; potential for high ecological value with appropriate restoration.

Low

Ecological values not significant; site highly degraded; restoration would be a major undertaking.

2. Contribution to Public Access, Use and Enjoyment of Coastal Resources –

High

Tract provides an opportunity for public access to coastal resources in an area that currently has limited access; supports priority recreation needs identified in state or local plans.

Medium

Tract provides opportunities for recreation, but occurs in an area without a demonstrated need for additional access.

Low

Tract has very limited opportunities for public access, e.g., access may have a significant detrimental effect on the tract's natural resources.

3. Contribution to the Protection Important Historical or Cultural Sites –

High

Tract protects features that have been designated by the National Register of Historic Places or by the State Cultural Resources Survey as significant historical, cultural or archaeological sites.

Medium

Tract protects features that have the potential to be designated significant historical, cultural or archaeological sites by the National Register of Historic Places or by the State Cultural Resources Survey.

Low

Tract does not contain any known significant historical, cultural or archaeological features.

4. Cost of Acquisition –

High

Tract valued at a cost that would promote the most efficient and effective use of limited CIAP acquisition funds; uncomplicated ownership of subject parcel (Individual landowners, willing and ready landowners, etc)

Medium

Tract valued at a moderate cost that may still promote efficient and effective use of limited CIAP acquisition funds; relatively uncomplicated ownership of subject parcel (Individual landowners, willing and ready landowners, etc)

Low

Extraordinarily valuable tract that may limit efficient and effective use of limited CIAP acquisition funds; Complicated parcel ownership scenario with multiple landowners

5. Opportunity to diminish community hazard exposure or improve community resiliency –

High

Tract located in velocity or low lying flood zone; exists in repetitive loss scenario; exists in a location with a high opportunity for restoration to negate flooding in vicinity

Medium

Tract located directly adjacent to velocity or low lying flood zone; potentially a repetitive loss scenario; potential restoration scenario

Low

Tract not located to or directly adjacent to velocity or low lying floodzone; not potentially a repetitive loss scenario; not a potential restoration scenario

6. Juxtaposed geographically or in subject matter to existing Coastal Zone related program or project –

High

Tract located within a coastal zone project area or directly related in subject matter to coastal zone program

Medium

Tract located directly adjacent to a coastal zone project area or indirectly related in subject matter to coastal zone program

Low

Tract not located within or directly adjacent to a coastal zone project area or not related in subject matter to coastal zone program