

**NeighborSpace Priorities for Site Acquisition:
Provisional Criteria
Adopted 8-6-08**

Introduction: These criteria are intended to guide rather than to limit the actions of NeighborSpace. Proposed parcels will continue to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Threshold Criteria (required)

- 1) Located within the Urban-Rural Demarcation Line (URDL)
- 2) Demonstrated community support (*if property is to be purchased with public funding*)
- 3) Property Manager identified
- 4) Support group identified
- 5) No buildings on the site
- 6) No known environmental hazards posing liability threats

Priority-Setting Criteria

Beyond the Threshold Criteria, each property is evaluated on a case-by-case basis using the broad categories that are listed below (“macro priorities”). Below each category are the factors (“micro priorities”) that input to these categories. Circle the degree that best represents the property in each category. *A combination of these factors should ultimately establish a priority factor for each property under consideration.*

- 1) **Need**
 - § Is the project in an area with little open space?
 - § Is the project in a Community Conservation area?
 - § Will existing visual open space be lost if action is not taken?

Degree of Need

- a. High
- b. Medium
- c. Low

2) Degree of Community Support

- § Is the project supported by a significant number of the community?
 - § Would the property be used by a significant number of the community?

Degree of support:

- a. Strong
- b. Weak
- c. None

d. Some opposition

3) **Contribution to the surrounding Community**

- § Does the site contribute to a community plan?
- § Will it be accessible to the community?
- § Will it be used for community activities?
- § Does it provide esthetic value?
- § Does it provide environmental benefit?

Degree of Contribution to Surrounding Community

- a. High
- b. Medium
- c. Low

4) **Contribution or benefit to the community at large**

- § Does it have historic value?
- § Does it provide larger scale environmental benefits, such as linking greenways?
- § Does property have features that should be preserved?

Degree of Contribution to Community-at-large

- a. High
- b. Medium
- c. Low

5) **Funding of the project?**

- § Does the location adequately reflect the source of Local Open Space (LOS) funding?
- § Does the project address a shortage of NeighborSpace properties in the Councilmatic District?
- § Is the location free of risk factors that could have financial consequences?

Degree of Funding compliance

- a. High
- b. Medium
- c. Low