

Criteria Grading System

	Yes	No
I. Protect natural features that are important to ensuring proper functioning of natural systems		
a. Is the parcel 25 acres or more?	1	0
b. Is the parcel adjacent to existing protected land?	1	0
c. Does the parcel contain mature woodlands covering greater than 50 percent of the property?	1	0
d. Does the parcel contain streams and/or wetlands?	1	0
e. Does the parcel contain unique geological features?	1	0
f. Does the parcel contain unique animal or plant habitats?	1	0
II. Preserve significant agricultural soils for agricultural uses		
a. Is the parcel 50 acres or more?	1	0
b. Is the parcel currently under cultivation?	1	0
c. Is the parcel adjacent to existing active farms?	1	0
d. Does the parcel contain Class I, II, III, or IV soils?	1	0
e. Is the parcel located within the township's rural area?	1	0
III. Provide for recreational needs of residents		
a. Is the parcel 25 acres or more?	1	0
b. Is the parcel suitable for passive and active recreation?	1	0
c. Does suitable access exist for the parcel?	1	0
d. Is the parcel located within the township's development area?	1	0
e. Does the parcel contain an open space link as shown on the township's Open Space Link Plan?	1	0
IV. Protect the integrity of significant historic resources		
a. Does the parcel contain an historic building, structure or site?	1	0
b. Is the parcel adjacent to an important historic or cultural structure or site and does it contribute to its integrity ?	1	0
V. Establish an open space network which links activity centers and significant open space areas within Warwick and to similar areas in adjacent communities		
a. Does the Open Space Linkage Map indicate that an open space link is present on the parcel?	1	0
VI. Retain and enhance qualities (scenic vistas, natural and historic resources) which together distinguish Warwick from other communities		
a. Does the parcel offer a scenic vista of the area's natural beauty?	1	0
VII. General land acquisition considerations		
a. Is there a threat of imminent development of the parcel?	1	0
b. Is there an ability to preserve the parcel through means other than fee simple acquisition?	1	0
c. Is there a willingness of the property owner to accept less than market value for the property?	1	0
d. Are state or county funds available for preservation?	1	0
e. Is there potential to meet multiple preservation and recreation goals identified by the township?	1	0
f. Is the parcel adjacent or in proximity to existing open space?	1	0
Maximum Score	25	0