

**Appendix B**

**Farmland Conversion Impact Rating  
Form**

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
**FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING**

<b>PART I</b> (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Date of Land Evaluation Request <b>June 2, 2004</b>					
Name of Project <b>US-131 Improvement Study</b>		Federal Agency Involved <b>FHWA</b>					
Proposed Land Use <b>Transportation</b>		County and State <b>St. Joseph County, Michigan</b>					
<b>PART II</b> (To be completed by NRCS)		Date Request Received By NRCS June 7, 2004					
Does the site contain prime, unique, statewide or local important farmland? <b>Yes</b> (If no, the FPPA does not apply - do not complete additional parts of this form).					Acres Irrigated 97,800	Average Farm Size 275	
Major Crop(s) Corn, Beans		Farmable Land in Govt. Jurisdiction Acres: 257,700 78%			Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: 158,200 48%		
Name of Land Evaluation System Used LESA		Name of Local Site Assessment System None			Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS		
<b>PART III</b> (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Alternative Site Rating					
		PA-1	PA-2	PA-3	PA-4	PA-5	PA-5 MOD
A. Total Acres to Be Converted Directly		445	485	537	522	47	14
B. Total Acres to Be Converted Indirectly		47	27	34	41	62	25
C. Total Acres in Site		492	512	571	563	109	39
<b>PART IV</b> (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information							
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland		551	481	514	491	109	24
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland							
C. Percentage of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit to Be Converted		.36	.35	.36	.36	.06	.01
D. Percentage Of Farmland In Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value		95	98	95	74	65	98
<b>PART V</b> (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Criterion Relative Value of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points)		66	62	66	67	81	50
<b>PART VI</b> (To be completed by Federal Agency) Site Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5 (b))		Maximum Points					
1. Area In Nonurban Use		15	15	15	15	15	15
2. Perimeter In Nonurban Use		10	9	9	9	5	5
3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed		20	20	20	20	14	8
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government		20	20	20	20	20	20
5. Distance From Urban Builtup Area		0					
6. Distance To Urban Support Services		0					
7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average		10	3	3	3	1	1
8. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland		25	1	1	1	1	1
9. Availability Of Farm Support Services		5	4	4	4	4	4
10. On-Farm Investments		20	18	18	18	18	18
11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services		25	12	12	12	0	0
12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use		10	5	5	5	5	5
<b>TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS</b>		160	70	107	107	83	77
<b>PART VII</b> (To be completed by Federal Agency)							
Relative Value of Farmland (From Part V)		100	66	62	66	67	81
Total Site Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)		160	70	107	107	83	77
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b> (Total of above 2 lines)		260	146	169	173	176	127
Site Selected:		Total Acres of Farmlands to be Converted by Project:	Date of Selection	Was a Local Site Assessment Used: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Reason for Selection:							
Signature of person completing this part :				Date:			