LP 5 Site Assessment Worksheet

Name ________________________________

Directions: Use this worksheet to evaluate parcels of land for your farm or ranch operation.

1. **Describe the location and configuration of the land.**
   - ☐ Physical site characteristics (e.g., land orientation, boundary, size and shape of fields and parcel)
   - ☐ Climate (including microclimates), weather, plant hardiness zone, and growing season
   - ☐ Access point(s), adjacent land uses and neighbor relations
   - ☐ Located in a rural, suburban or urban area
   - ☐ Note nearby roads, markets, amenities
   - ☐ Note nearby agricultural support services (e.g., veterinarians, equipment dealers, Extension office, feed and seed stores)
   - ☐ Other, please describe
2. Describe the natural resources on site.
   - Types of soils, specify soil characteristics and soil health, results from testing:
   - Water sources (type, quantity and quality)
   - Topography (e.g., slope, major land forms)
   - Other natural resources (viewsheeds, wetlands, forest land, presence of important habitats, including threatened and endangered species)
   - Mineral and other subsurface resources
   - Other, please describe:
3. **Describe infrastructure and other improvements on the site.**

- Barns, greenhouses/hoop house, equipment sheds, storage facilities and availability,

- Permanent crops including orchards, vineyards, fruit and nut bearing trees and bushes and flowering bushes

- Housing, farm labor housing, current tenant relations (if any)

- Processing facilities, retail facilities

- Roads and parking

- Fencing

- Wells, ponds, and irrigation systems
☐ Utilities (electrical service, cell phone coverage, reliable internet access)

☐ Conservation practices installed

☐ Other, please describe:

4. Describe land use and management.
   ☐ Current land cover/use (cropland, pastureland, rangeland, timberland noting types of vegetation and condition, estimated acres of each)

☐ Past land uses

☐ Active management of agricultural resources and/or areas needing restoration or protection from fire, flooding and landslides, etc.

☐ Conservation plan
5. **Identify property rights /limitations.**
   - ☐ Conservation easements, other deed restrictions, utility rights of way
   - ☐ Water, timber, mineral or energy rights
   - ☐ Compliance with applicable, federal and state laws
   - ☐ Applicable local laws including zoning and health codes

6. **Find out carrying costs.**
   - ☐ Property taxes
   - ☐ Price of water
☐ Maintaining conservation practices

☐ Special assessments

☐ Other, please describe: