

§13-140-39 Criteria. In advising the department and the board, the commission may consider the following criteria in forming its recommendations for acquisitions:

- (1) Completeness of the acquisition application;
- (2) Acquisition of interests or rights in land having value as a resource to the State for the preservation of the following:
 - (A) Watershed protection;
 - (B) Coastal areas, beaches, and ocean access;
 - (C) Habitat protection;
 - (D) Cultural and historical sites;
 - (E) Recreational and public hunting areas;
 - (F) Parks;
 - (G) Natural areas;
 - (H) Agricultural production; and
 - (I) Open spaces and scenic resources;
- (3) Linkage of protected acreage of similar resources;
- (4) Opportunities for appropriate public access and enjoyment;
- (5) Presence of environmental hazards;
- (6) Feasibility of a project within the two-year acquisition timeframe;
- (7) Cost of acquisition;
- (8) Proportion of matching funds being leveraged;
- (9) Urgency of need to acquire;
- (10) Status and adequacy of management planning;
- (11) Community support for acquisition;
- (12) Completeness of acquisition funding;
- (13) Connection to regional planning and protection efforts; and
- (14) Capacity for long-term management. [Eff 7/21/12] (Auth: HRS §173A-2.5) (Imp: HRS §§173A-2.5, 173A-2.6, 173A-5)