

APPENDIX F

USDA FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING
FORM (FORM CPA-106)

United States Department of Agriculture



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October 4, 2006

Mr. Quinn Damgaard
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RE: Prime and Important Farmlands, Watertown South Connector Project [SDDOT Project IM 0297(01)PCN 000Y] Segment 1.

Dear Mr. Damgaard:

We have reviewed the site map for the Watertown South Connector - Segment 1.

The project does cross prime and important farmlands. Enclosed is a completed NRCS-CPA-106, Farmland Conversion Impact Rating for Corridor Type Projects Form for this project. The Total Points from the assessment is 114. Because this is less than the threshold value of 160, this project will have no significant impact on prime or important farmlands. Enclosed is your copy of the NRCS-CPA-106 for this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. M. Schaar" with a flourish at the end.

JEROME M. SCHAAR
State Soil Scientist

Enclosure

cc: Arlene Brandt-Jenson, DC, NRCS, Watertown FO

FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING FOR CORRIDOR TYPE PROJECTS

PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)	3. Date Of Land Evaluation Request: 09-18-06	4. Sheet 1 of 1
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1. Name of Project: Watertown South Connector – Segment 1	5. Federal Agency Involved: Federal Highway Administration
2. Proposed Land Use: Improved Road Corridor and associated ROW	6. County and State: Codington County, South Dakota

PART II (To be completed by NRCS)	1. Date Request Received By NRCS <u>9/22/2006</u>	2. Person Completing Form: <u>DAN SHURTLEIFF</u>
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3. Does the corridor contain prime, unique, statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - do not complete additional parts of this form)	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	4. Acres Irrigated <u>—</u>	Average Farm Size <u>557</u>
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5. Major Crop(s) <u>Corn - Soybeans</u>	6. Farmable Land In Government Jurisdiction Acres: <u>305,401%</u> <u>88%</u>	7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: <u>368,212%</u> <u>84%</u>
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8. Name of Land Evaluation System Used <u>SD Dept of Revenue</u>	9. Name of State or Local Site Assessment System <u>NONE</u>	10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS <u>10/2/2006</u>
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PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)	Alternative Corridor For Segment: 1			
	Corridor A	Corridor B	Corridor C	Corridor d
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly	40			
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly	0			
C. Total Acres In Site	40			

PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information	Corridor A	Corridor B	Corridor C	Corridor d
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland	20			
B. Total Acres Statewide Important or Local Important Farmland	18			
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted	0.008%			
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value	54			

PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Criterion Relative Value of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points)	Corridor A	Corridor B	Corridor C	Corridor d
	69			

PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Corridor Assessment Criteria (Criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5 b & c. For Non-Corridor project use form AD-1006)	Maximum Points	Corridor A	Corridor B	Corridor C	Corridor D
1. Area In Non-urban Use	(15)	13			
2. Perimeter In Non-urban Use	(10)	10			
3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed	(20)	16			
4. Protection Provided By State and Local Government	(20)	0			
5. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	(10)	0			
6. Creation Of Non-farmable Farmland	(25)	0			
7. Availability Of Farm Support Services	(5)	5			
8. On-Farm Investments	(20)	1			
9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	(25)	0			
10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	(10)	0			
TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS	160	45			

PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)	Maximum Points	Corridor A	Corridor B	Corridor C	Corridor d
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100	69			
Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or local site assessment)	160	45			
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)	260	114			

1. Corridor Selected:	2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be Converted by Project:	3. Date Of Selection	4. Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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5. Reason For Selection:

Signature of Federal agency representative completing this form: [Signature] -HDR Date: 9-19-06