

SCCB Conservation Land Acquisition Coordination

The intent of this document is to satisfy Proviso 117.160 of the FY 2026-27 Appropriations Act by all Conservation Agencies for all conservation land acquisitions requiring approval from the Department of Administration, Joint Bond Review Committee and/or the State Fiscal Accountability Authority.

Project Name: _____

ANTICIPATED FUNDING STRATEGY

Please describe the anticipated funding strategy by identifying any potential funding sources that may be used. If known, please describe the anticipated amounts of funding that may be used.

Fair Market Value: _____
Total SC Investment: _____

Initial Acquisition Funding Strategy (if applicable)			
Source	Amount	Program	Status
Total Purchase Price			

Conservation Agency Anticipated Sources of Cash for Closing			
Source	Amount	Program	Status
Total Purchase Price			

PROVISO 117.160 OF THE FY2026-27 APPROPRIATIONS ACT provides: *“Prior to entering into contracts to utilize funds appropriated or authorized by the General Assembly to acquire interests in land for natural resource protection and rural land preservation, including conservation easements (Land Protection Projects), the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, the Office of Resilience, the Forestry Commission, and the SC Conservation Bank (Resource Agencies) shall coordinate and collaborate with each other to maximize the most cost effective options available for the acquisition with the greatest public benefit. The Resource Agencies shall coordinate with the Resource Agency each other to ensure that the funds are used for projects that support the agency’s objectives, and do not substantially encroach upon another agency’s objectives, the State’s broader conservation objectives, and that demonstrate a satisfactory degree of financial leverage, partnerships, and other indicators of quality as determined by the Bank and Resource Agency Agencies. (B) In addition to the requirements set forth above, collaboration and coordination shall include, but are not limited to: (1) quarterly collaboration and planning meetings to coordinate on projects and ensure compliance with this proviso; (2) consideration of easement versus acquisition strategies for a proposed project; (3) consideration of a proposed project’s importance in terms of natural conservation, historic resource protection, flood mitigation, agricultural resource protection, or other applicable co-benefits; (4) consideration of public access; and (5) consideration of funding sources for the potential project.”*

This proposal complies with the Proviso as follows:

- 1) Describe the project’s importance in terms of natural conservation, historic resource protection, flood mitigation, agricultural resource protection, or other applicable co-benefits

- 2) Describe the level and types of public access offered by the project.

3) Describe how the protection of the Property supports the Conservation Agency's objectives and does not substantially encroach upon another agency's objectives.

4) Describe if the proposed project provides financial leverage and describe any partnerships. If financial leverage has not been applied to this project, please explain why.

5) Describe any consideration of easement versus acquisition strategies for a proposed project.

6) SC Code Section 48-59-50(B)(5) mandates that the SC Conservation Bank create and maintain a conservation priority map to consolidate the State's broader conservation objectives. Accordingly, the Property ranks as a priority (See Exhibit A).

**SATISFACTION OF PROVISIO 117.160 OF THE FY2026-27 APPROPRIATIONS ACT
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

_____ County

+/- _____ acres

The Conservation Agency has coordinated and collaborated with the South Carolina Resource Agencies to maximize the most cost-effective use of funds appropriated or authorized by the General Assembly in the proposed purchase of the above referenced property. On behalf of the Resource Agencies, I affirm that the requirements of Proviso 117.160 of the 2026-27 Appropriations Act have been satisfied for the proposed acquisition of the above referenced property by the Conservation Agency.

Date

Name

Date

Title

SC Conservation Bank

Exhibit A
SC Conservation Bank
Conservation Priority Map