

## Draft Individual Review Form

Proposal number: 2001-G202-2

Short Proposal Title: Staten Island Acquisition

### 1a) Are the objectives and hypotheses clearly stated?

Yes, the data and objectives are stated, and the data needed to test the hypothesis are identified. However, this is a land purchase; the science underlying this primarily lies in different phases of the project.

### 1b1) Does the conceptual model clearly explain the underlying basis for the proposed work?

Yes. The conceptual model explains that through the purchase of Staten Island, land currently being used by both wildlife and agriculture will continue to be used in the same manner. It indicates that through enhancements to management techniques, perhaps even more positive impacts could be made on existing wildlife.

### 1b2) Is the approach well designed and appropriate for meeting the objectives of the project?

Considering this is primarily for a land purchase, yes the approach works toward meeting their objectives. A plus is that preliminary monitoring is included in the proposal.

### 1c1) Has the applicant justified the selection of research, pilot or demonstration project, or a full-scale implementation project?

While categorized as a full-scale implementation project, this is a proposal requesting funds to purchase Staten Island. However, the applicant has, through the use of the conceptual model and appropriate background, illustrated the biological importance tied to this land acquisition. Therefore, the project has been justifiably selected to be a full-scale implementation proposal.

### 1c2) Is the project likely to generate information that can be used to inform future decision making?

Yes. A part of this proposal discusses preliminary monitoring that will be completed. Data from those activities will be used in evaluating implementation techniques and their effectiveness. Thus, adaptive management is an integral factor in the overall project.

### 2a) Are the monitoring and information assessment plans adequate to assess the outcome of the project?

No. The monitoring and assessment plans, in the context of this proposal, serve as preliminary and comparative data. In a later phase of the project, data will be gathered that will be used to assess the outcome of the project.

**2b) Are data collection, data management, data analysis, and reporting plans well-described, scientifically sound and adequate to meet the proposed objectives?**

Data analysis is discussed in terms of adaptive management in that data gathered will be considered in future decisions, thus making it scientifically sound for the ultimate goals of the project. Reporting plans are sufficient to meet the proposed objectives.

**3) Is the proposed work likely to be technically feasible?**

Yes. One activity is to purchase the land and the other is to begin preliminary monitoring and assessment. Any monitoring and assessment to be done is within the realm of expertise of those groups involved in this project.

**4) Is the proposed project team qualified to efficiently and effectively implement the proposed project?**

Yes. The applicant and those involved with this project are sufficiently qualified to efficiently and effectively implement this project, based on the information made available the proposal.

**Miscellaneous comments**

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**Overall Evaluation  
Summary Rating**

- Excellent
- Very Good
- Good**
- Fair
- Poor

**Provide a brief explanation of your summary rating**

The applicant has tied the goal of this proposal to a larger picture. It appears to be fairly complete, but is primarily for the acquisition of land. With regard to the scientific approach, more detail is recommended.