

**8400.3300 CRITERIA FOR SCREENING COMMITTEE REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS.**

The state board may direct districts to utilize a local screening process or committee to prioritize local project areas or applications. The criteria for screening committee prioritization are as follows:

A. consistency with the purpose and policy of the respective conservation easement program;

B. the parcel's potential impact on reducing soil erosion and sedimentation, improving water quality, reducing flooding, and enhancing fish and wildlife habitat;

C. compatibility with established priorities of the organizations and agencies participating in the screening process; and

D. highest priority must be given to permanent easements pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515, subdivision 2, paragraph (e).

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 40.45; 103C.501; 103F.531*

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