

Human Considerations

F. Human Considerations - Social/Cultural/Economic

RESOURCE CONCERN	DEFINITION	QUALITY CRITERIA	ASSESSMENT TOOL
1. Social Considerations			
a. Health and Safety	Freedom from danger, injury or damage.	Public services, personal security, and risk of natural disasters are considered.	
b. Values	Acts, customs, and institutions regarded in a particular, favorable way by a people or group.	Family, religious, and societal values are maintained.	
c. Client Characteristics	Distinguishing traits, features, or qualities.	Client characteristics, including age, planning horizon, special emphasis groups, and resources are considered.	
d. Tenure	Length of time something is held.	Tenure or time available does not effect the ability to install, manage or maintain the system.	
e. Aesthetics	Art and beauty and people's response to these.	Compositional and visual aspects are in harmony with the character of the area.	
2. Cultural Considerations			
a. Absence/presence	Being without/Existing.	Absence or presence of cultural resources, as defined by the State Historic Preservation Officer, is established.	
b. Significance	Having or expressing meaning or importance.	Significance of cultural resources is determined by qualified cultural resources specialists.	
c. Negative Effects/Mitigation	Having the effect of diminishing; To make less severe; moderate.	Agreement of consulting parties, as defined in GM 420, Part 401, to a system with negative effects if mitigation occurs to lessen negative effects on the cultural resource.	
3. Economic Considerations			
a. Cost Effectiveness	Comparison of the cost of implementing the alternatives to achieve change and personal objectives.	There is a reasonable relationship between the cost of the system and the changes in resource conditions it brings about.	
b. Financial Condition	An economic manner or state of being.	There is an ability to acquire funds to install and maintain the system over time without destroying the financial viability of normal farm operations or precluding a normal degree of participation in USDA programs.	
c. Markets	A demand for goods and the opportunity to sell or supply goods or services.	There are adequate and available markets for affected farm enterprise products.	
d. Input Level	Availability of skills, labor, land, and materials.	There are adequate or sufficient management skills, land, labor, material and equipment present or obtainable to operate and maintain the system.	
e. Sustainability	Maintain or keep in existence	There is a reasonable expectation of long term profitability for the operation as a whole.	