Abstract

Protecting a Valuable Landscape: Using ArcView to Prioritize Orchard Parcels
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One of the most threatened areas of farmland in the United States is along the US-31 corridor in northwestern Michigan. The Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy and five townships in the corridor have joined together to develop a farmland protection plan to help preserve this unique resource. The important criteria for farmland protection were measured spatially with ArcView software and then weighted and rated for a total score for each parcel. This final score will be used to determine which parcels qualify for the farmland protection program.

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