

Marsh-Aware! Assessor's Report

Dear Marsh Adopter:

Thank you for choosing *Marsh-Aware!* as your assessor. This report should help you decide whether to run a cranberry marsh on the **BLUE SKY** site.

Assessment of Marsh Success Factors

Factor	Assessor Comments	+	Neutral	-
LOCALE				
Plot: • Open? • Troublesome plants nearby?	This is not a completely open area. However, a pine grove surrounds part of the area. This probably will not cause much of a problem.		✓	
Access to sand	No sand on site; it will cost money to have it delivered			✓
RESOURCES				
Water Supply (in addition to rain)	Reservoir is on site and owned	✓		
Equipment Condition	Standard equipment/technology		✓	
Community Support	It looks like the neighboring property could be sold to a mall developer. There is a possibility of pollution from a parking lot.			✓
CLIMATE & WEATHER				
Temperature	The spring temperatures are warm, so there is a low risk of spring frost damage. The cold winter means that the vines can go into dormancy. This is critical for berry production.	✓		
Rainfall	There is enough rainfall to support the needs of a working marsh.	✓		
Totals:		3	2	2

Recommendations: Adopt this marsh only if the number of + and neutral points outnumber the number of – points, and if you think you can work with the negative factors. However, if there is not enough water, you must not adopt the marsh.