

# *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 **LIBERTY** site.

## Assessment of Marsh Success Factors

Factor	Assessor Comments	+	Neutral	-
<b>LOCALE</b>				
Plot: • Open? • Troublesome plants nearby?	Wide open area. Very low risk of troublesome plants and weeds.	✓		
Access to sand	Plenty of available sand. This will help keep costs low.	✓		
<b>RESOURCES</b>				
Water Supply (in addition to rain)	The reservoir is on-site and owned, but it is shrinking. It is unlikely to support cranberries.			✓
Equipment Condition	Modern equipment is present. The pop-up sprinklers can help support a marsh.	✓		
Community Support	The nearby nature conservation areas are a good sign. However, without more information, it is difficult to know if the community supports farming, including cranberry growing.		✓	
<b>CLIMATE &amp; WEATHER</b>				
Temperature	Warmer spring temperatures mean low spring frost damage risk. However, autumn and winter are warm. Berries are unlikely to get a good color, and the plants will not go into dormancy. Dormancy is critical for future berry formation.			✓
Rainfall	Last year there was enough rain, but the 100-year average show this site is not likely to get enough rain most years. The dry climate is likely to make the reservoir continue to shrink.			✓
<b>Totals:</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

**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.