

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 SUNRISE site.

Assessment of Marsh Success Factors

Factor	Assessor Comments	+	Neutral	-
LOCALE				
Plot: • Open? • Troublesome plants nearby?	There are a lot of maple trees nearby. It will be difficult to remove the maple saplings without causing damage to the cranberry vines. Also, there are several irregularly shaped plots. This can be difficult.			✓
Access to sand	There is sand on the site, but the marshes take up a lot of the area.		✓	
RESOURCES				
Water Supply (in addition to rain)	Five-year water rights to the reservoir make this promising, but risky.			✓
Equipment Condition	Standard equipment.		✓	
Community Support	The Right to Farm bill just passed into law with many votes. This is a strong sign of support.	✓		
CLIMATE & WEATHER				
Temperature	Nice, cool autumn temperatures and a cold winter are likely to mean good berry production. However, you should know that the risk of spring frost is high.	✓		
Rainfall	There is enough rainfall in this area to support a cranberry marsh (with help from the reservoir).	✓		
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.