

## A Useful Framework for Site Comparison and Evaluation

The following table organizes the comparative evaluations of several sites. In this method, the site selection committee assigns the point values (called *weighting factors*) to various criteria under consideration, creating an objective, quantifiable rating system.

Criteria	Weighting Factor	Sites					
		Site 1 Criteria Ranking	x WF	Site 2 Criteria Ranking	x WF	Site 3 Criteria Ranking	x WF
Size							
Aesthetics							
Hazards							
Hazardous Materials							
Noise							
Geology/Soils							
Utilities and Services							
Water Quality							
Air Quality							
<b>Total Weighted Points</b>							

Weighting Factors	Criteria Ranking Values
1 = not very important	0 = unacceptable (least desirable/least cost effective)
2 = somewhat important	1 = poor
3 = important	2 = fair
4 = very important	3 = good
5 = essential	4 = excellent (most desirable/most cost effective)