

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Appalachian Plateau-Forestry

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Appalachian Plateau-Forestry		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer implement conservation practices which:	
3. a. Decrease aquifer overdraft?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean Air: Treatment of air quality from agricultural sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
4. a. Meet on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Reduce on-farm generated green house gases such as CO ₂ (Carbon Dioxide), CH ₄ (Methane), and N ₂ O (Nitrous Oxide)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
6. a. Benefit on-farm habitat associated with threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Help retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project assist the producer implement practices which:	

7. a. Help manage or control noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Increase, or improve habitat to benefit pollinator or other targeted wildlife species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. c. Properly dispose of livestock carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. d. Are identified in an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. e. Are identified in a Nutrient Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. f. Apply principles of adaptive nutrient management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which:	
8. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with practices and improvements identified in an approved energy audit equivalent to criteria required in Ag EMP?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
9. a. Implementation of all conservation practices scheduled in the contract on the CPA-1155 within three years of date of obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c. Implementation of practice(s) which will complete an existing conservation system or suite of practices?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the state priority category.	
1. 1a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other statel level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Conservation Ranking Questions-Will the proposed project result in:	
1. 1. Will this application include one of the following practice, (314,315,612, 645, and/or 666) and the applicant (by Tax ID Number) has not received EQIP Financial Assistance (FA) for the same practice within the last 3 years? (FY2011-13)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. 2. Has the applicant had a cancelled contract and/or terminated due to non-compliance within last 3 fiscal years? (FY 2011-13)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Degraded Plant Condition: Excessive Pest-Plant Pressure, Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter	
1. 1. Will this application utilize EQIP funds to control Buckthorn, Bush Honeysuckle, Kudzu, and/or Tree of Heaven? -OR- (If question #3.1 is answered yes, don't answer question #3.2)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. 2. Will this application utilize EQIP funds to control undesirable Grape Vine or other species listed on the FY 2014 Forestry Invasive Plant Species List?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. 3. Will this application utilize EQIP funds to implement Forest Stand Improvement (666)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. 4. Will this application utilize EQIP funds to implement Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. 5. Will this application utilize EQIP funds to implement Tree and Shrub Establishment (612)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. 6. Has the participant completed any practice(s) identified in his/her Woodland Stewardship and/or Forest Management Plan? (Other than marking property lines)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. 7. Are property lines marked per Ohio Forestry Tax Law Standards?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. 8. Is the property certified under the Ohio Forestry Tax Law Program?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. 9. Are any of the offered EQIP acres on a Certified Tree Farm under the American Tree Farm System?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

10. 10. Does the applicant have a current application deferred from FY 2013 EQIP ranking period? (This will be completed by NRCS Designated Conservationist)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the local priority category.	
1. 1a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other local level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Other additional questions.	
1. 1. Will the planned practice(s) address degraded plant condition - excess plant pests pressure by controlling invasive plants per EQIP bulletin?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. 2. Will the planned practice(s) address degraded plant condition - excess plant pests pressure by controlling grapevines or other noxious plants per EQIP bulletin?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. 3. Is the applicant applying for the first time or have a deferred application from the prior fiscal year (FY 13)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. 4. Does the applicant have prior EQIP Forestry contracts that have been successfully completed without modifications to re-schedule delayed practices?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. 5. Are the property lines marked per Ohio Forest Tax Law Standards?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. 6. Will this application plant native tree species (612) to help control erosion and/or increase wildlife habitat? (List of species identified per EQIP bulletin)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. 7. The application includes 666 – Forest Stand Improvement according to the participant's Forest Management Plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency:
Local Issues:
State Issues:
National Issues:
Final Ranking Score:

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: