

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Lake Erie Glaciated Plateau-Cropland

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Lake Erie Glaciated Plateau-Cropland		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. 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.	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; (328, 329, 340, 345, 346, 554, 590, and/or 720) and the applicant (by Tax ID Number) has not received EQIP Financial Assistance (FA) for the same practice within the last 3 years? (FY 2011-13)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. 2. Has the applicant had a contract cancelled and/or terminated due to non-compliance within last 3 fiscal years? (FY 2011-13)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality Degradation: Nutrients in Ground and/or Surface Water	
1. 1. Will this application utilize EQIP funds to install a buffer strip practice that will help improve water quality?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. 2. Will this application utilize EQIP funds to implement a Basic Level of (590) Soil Health and Water Quality Conservation Management System? -OR-	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. 3. Will this application utilize EQIP funds to implement a Enhanced Level of (590) Soil Health and Water Quality Conservation Management System?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. 4. Does the applicant have a field within the EQIP offered acres that has had a soil test within the last 3 years that exceeds 150 lbs/Acre of P2O5 (Bray P1 Soil Test)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. 5. Will this application utilize EQIP funds to implement Cover Crops (340) after low residue crops?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. 6. Will this application utilize EQIP funds to install Structure for Water Control (587) and/or managed Drainage Water Management (554)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Erosion: Sheet, Rill, Wind Erosion and/or Ephemeral Gully	
1. 1. Will the implementation of this EQIP contract result in at least one field improving its SCI score	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

from a negative or 0 SCI to a positive SCI?	
2. 2. Will this application utilize EQIP funds to convert to one hundred percent (100%) Residue Management, No-Till (329) on all offered acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. 3. Will this application utilize EQIP funds to install a Grassed Waterway (412) practice that will help improve Ephemeral Gullies?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Degraded Plant Condition: Excessive Pest -Plant Pressure	
1. 1. Will this application utilize EQIP funds to implement Integrated Pest Management (595) or Conservation Cover (327)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Quality Degradation: Compaction	
1. 1. Will this application utilize EQIP funds resulting in the adoption of Interim Practice Standard (720) Controlled Traffic Farming including the use of RTK Controlled Traffic Farming (CTF) system and reduce all high load wheel traffic to 50% or less of the soil surface?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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1. 1a. 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.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Other additional questions.	
1. 1. Will the participant be implementing an “Enhanced” level of Nutrient Management (590) to improve soil and water quality?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. 2. Will the participant be implementing a “Basic” level of Nutrient Management (590) to improve soil and water quality?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. 3. Will the participant be implementing a Grassed Waterway (412), Diversion (362), Grade Stabilization Structure (410) or WASCOD (638) system to reduce soil erosion and protect water quality?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. 4. Will the participant be implementing Cover Crops (340) after a low residue crops to reduce erosion or improve soil organic matter levels?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. 5. Will the participant be implementing any of the following practices; Residue/Tillage Management; No-Till/Strip-Till (329) or Residue/Tillage Management; Mulch-Till (345) to reduce sheet and rill erosion?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. 6. Will the participant be implementing any of the following practices; Field Borders (386), Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390), Riparian Forest Buffer (391), Filter Strips (393) or Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580) along a blue line intermittent or perennial stream as identified on the USGS topographic map?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. 7. Will the participant be implementing Conservation Crop Rotation - Adding 2 yr. Perennials to the Rotation or Small Grain (328) to improve soil and water quality?	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:**Signature Date:****Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for
Contract Development unless required by State policy:****Signature Date:**