Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Lake Erie Glaciated Plateau-Forestry

Program:	**Ranking Date:**	**Application Number:**
Ranking Tool: Lake Erie Glaciated 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 O or No O
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 O or No O
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 O or No O
2. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes O or No O
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer implement conservation practices which:	
3. a. Decrease aquifer overdraft?	Yes O or No O
3. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes O or No O
3. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes O or No O
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 O or No O
4. b. Reduce on-farm generated green house gases such as CO2 (Carbon Dioxide), CH4 (Methane), and N2O (Nitrous Oxide)?	Yes O or No O
4. c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes O or No O
Soil Health: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes O or No O
5. b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.?	Yes O or No O
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 O or No O
6. b. Help retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes O or No O
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 O or No O
7. b. Increase, or improve habitat to benefit pollinator or other targeted wildlife species?	Yes O or No O
7. c. Properly dispose of livestock carcasses?	Yes O or No O
7. d. Are identified in an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes O or No O
7. e. Are identified in a Nutrient Management plan?	Yes O or No O
7. f. Apply principles of adaptive nutrient management?	Yes O or No O
Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which:	
8. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes O or No O
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 O or No O
8. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants?	Yes O or No O
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 O or No O
9. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted?	Yes O or No O
9. c. Implementation of practice(s) which will complete an existing conservation system or suite of practices?	Yes O or No O

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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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 O or No O
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 O or No O
2. 2. Has the applicant had a cancelled contract and/or terminated due to non-complaince within last 3 fiscal years? (FY 2011-13)	Yes O or No O
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 O or No O
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 O or No O
3. 3. Will this application utilize EQIP funds to implement Forest Stand Improvement (666)?	Yes O or No O
4. 4. Will this application utilize EQIP funds to implement Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)?	Yes O or No O
5. 5. Will this application utilize EQIP funds to implement Tree and Shrub Establishment (612)?	Yes O or No O
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 O or No O
7. 7. Are property lines marked per Ohio Forestry Tax Law Standards?	Yes O or No O
8. 8. Is the property certified under the Ohio Forestry Tax Law Program?	Yes O or No O
9. 9. Are any of the offered EQIP acres on a Certified Tree Farm under the American Tree Farm System?	Yes O or No O

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 O or No O

Local Issues Addressed

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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 O or No O
Other additional questions.	
1. 1. Will the participant be implementing Tree/Shrub Establishment (612) or Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645) to improve cover/shelter for wildlife?	Yes O or No O
2. 2. Will the participant be implementing Brush Management (314) or Herbaceous Weed Control (315) to reduce noxious plants according to their Forest Stewardship/Management Plan?	Yes O or No O
3. 3. Will the participant be implementing Forest Stand Improvement (666) for Crop Tree Release or Thinning to improve the plant condition according to their Forest Stewardship/Management Plan?	Yes O or No O

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices

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:**