

Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Application Ranking Summary
WHIP Begining Farmer or Rancher**

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: WHIP Begining Farmer or Rancher		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Healthy Plant & Animal Communities - Wildlife Habitat Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the applicant to:	
1. a. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Address and support one of the following priorities: Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watersheds Initiative (MRBI), North American Waterfowl Management Plan, National Fish Habitat Action Plan, Greater Sage Grouse Conservation Strategy, State Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategies (also referred to as the State Wildlife Action Plans), Northern Bobwhite Conservation Initiative, Restoration of Longleaf Pine Forests	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Benefit federally listed threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, fish or wildlife species of concern?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. d. Benefit prioritized native habitat critical to a fish or wildlife species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. e. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. f. Eradicate or control prioritized noxious or invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. g. Benefit declining or important aquatic wildlife species prioritized in the State WHIP Plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. h. Implement conservation practices which benefit prioritized fish or wildlife species in forested areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. i. Establish habitat on pivot corners and irregular areas on agricultural land?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. j. Provide self-sustaining habitat for prioritized fish and wildlife while reducing net carbon emissions or boosting carbon storage (e.g., warm season perennial grasses, trees or shrubs)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Conservation Implementation - Additional Ranking Considerations – Will the applicant in the proposed project:	
2. a. Complete habitat development within the first two years of the agreement?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Cedar Control-Does the offer include practices to control cedars by using one of the following: Prescribed Burning (338) or Brush Management (314)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Streambank Erosion-Does the offer include practices to address Stream Bank Erosion by implementing at least one of the following: Pasture and Hay Planting (512), Range Planting (550), Pond (378), Riparian Forest Buffer (391), or Watering Facility (614)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Surface Water-Nutrients/Organics-Does the offer include practices to address Surface Water Nutrients by implementing one of the following: Riparian Forest Buffer (391), Filter Strip (393)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. PRAIRIE/SAVANNAH RESTORATION-Does the offer include restoration of native grass plant communities with future protection? (a)-643- Planting native grasses, forbs, legumes and woody species that meet the ecological site description, (b)-by controlling high density invasive species, eastern red cedar, mesquite, tamarack\salt cedar, or other locally identified invasive species that will restore to the ecological site description.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

2. PRAIRIE/SAVANNAH IMPROVEMENT-Does the offer include improving native prairie communities by controlling low-med. density brush within the bounds of the Ecological Site description, prescribed burning, or by changing grazing practices or herbicide treatments?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. RIPARIAN RESTORATION – Does the offer include restoration of riparian plant communities with future protection? (a) Planting native buffers (393, 390, 391), (b) by controlling high density invasive species, such as eastern red cedar, tamarack or other locally identified invasive species that will restore to the ecological site description?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. RIPARIAN IMPROVEMENT – Does the offer include improving riparian communities and function by controlling low to medium priority invasive species such as eastern red cedar or tamarack.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. BUFFER EXCLUSION WATER BODIES-Does the offer include protecting new or existing Filter Strips around ponds, lakes, or wetlands from livestock grazing by Using fence (382) or Use Exclusion (472)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. BUFFER EXCLUSIONS STREAMS/RIVERS-Does the offer include protecting new or existing Filter Strip (393), Riparian Forest Buffer (391), Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390), adjacent to streams from livestock grazing or encroachment from cropping? Fence (382), Use Exclusion (472), or Prescribed Grazing (528), could be used.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. WETLAND-Does the offer include creation of new wetland or enhancement of a non-functioning wetland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. CROPLAND BUFFERS-Does the offer include a new Contour Buffer Strip (332), Cross Wind Trap Strip (589), Herbaceous Wind Barrier (422), Windbreak/Shelterbelt (380) or Field Border (386) established to native perennial vegetation that provides nesting/protective cover for wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. PRIVATE CONSERVATION-Have habitat improvements already been made to the property, either through a previous contract or by personal investment (brush management, prescribed fire or native grass plantings)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. a. Are there more than 101 acres that will be impacted by planned practices identified in WHIP PLAN OF OPERATIONS?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. b. Are there 71 or more acres that will be impacted by planned practices identified in WHIP PLAN OF OPERATIONS?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. c. Are there 41 or more acres that will be impacted by planned practices identified in WHIP PLAN OF OPERATIONS?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. d. Are there are there 10 or more acres that will be impacted by planned practices identified in WHIP PLAN OF OPERATIONS?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. a. Is any part of the offer adjacent to a protected wildlife habitat area such as such as Refuges, Wildlife Management Areas, TNC, WRP, Federal WHIP, or QHRI areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. b. Is any part of the offer within ½ mile of a protected wildlife habitat area such as such as Refuges, Wildlife Management Areas, TNC, WRP, Federal WHIP, or QHRI areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. c. Is any part of the offer within 1 mile of a protected wildlife habitat area such as such as Refuges, Wildlife Management Areas, TNC, WRP, Federal WHIP, or QHRI areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. a. Will the cost for restoration practices be less than \$25 per acre?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. b. Will the cost for restoration practices be \$26 to \$50 per acre?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. c. Will the cost for restoration practices be \$51 to \$75 per acre?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. d. Will the cost for restoration practices be \$76 to \$150 per acre?	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:	Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: