

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

WHIP Socially Disadvantaged

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: WHIP Socially Disadvantaged		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Wildlife Habitat Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer 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 existing conservation initiatives such as but not limited to the following or new conservation initiatives that support State, National or tribal fish or wildlife plans: Sage Grouse, Lesser Prairie Chicken, Longleaf Pine, New England-New York Forestry	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"/>
1. k. Benefit migration and other movement corridors for prioritized wildlife?	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. The applicant has certified that he/she is a Limited Resource Farmer	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. The applicant is a member of a Socially Disadvantaged Group as defined in National Bulletin 440-9-6 Historically Underserved individuals and groups - Definitions.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. The applicant has certified that he/she is a New or Beginning Farmer.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
For questions 4-6, only ONE yes answer may be given (use the appropriate Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Worksheet).	
4. The planned habitat is >50 points and at least 60 points higher than the benchmark.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. The planned habitat is >50 points and at least 40-59 points higher than the benchmark.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
For questions 7-8, only ONE yes answer may be given.	
6. The planned habitat is >50 points and at least 20-39 points higher than the benchmark.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. The conservation practices contained in the proposed WHIP contract will implement a conservation plan which treats one or more of the resource concerns but does not meet the RMS quality criteria for all resource concerns on the land covered by the contract.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. The conservation practices contained in the proposed WHIP contract will implement a Resource	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Management System (RMS) plan which addresses existing soil, water, plant and animal resource concerns for the land units that will be under contract. The RMS plan meets quality criteria in the Field Office Technical Guide.	
General Questions	
1. Is there an existing wildlife habitat plan approved by the State Biologist or Private Lands Wildlife Biologist?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the project benefit Early Successional species in the Quail Action Plan focus Districts (Big Walker, Headwaters, Culpeper, Three Rivers, Chowan Basin, Halifax)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the project occur within 2 miles of and benefit a species that is in the Toolkit layer T&E species (either DGIF or Natural Heritage)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will the project occur within 2 miles of a listed water (Toolkit layer "T&E Water) and improve stream quality?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the project occur in a state listed impaired watershed shown on the Toolkit GIS layer "Impaired Waters of Virginia" and provide improved water quality?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Does the project include the creation of riparian buffers or activities that improve an existing buffer?	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:
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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:	Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy: Signature Date:
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