

Ranking Category–STREAM SYSTEM RESTORATION

Primary Resource Concerns–

- Soil Erosion–Streambank

Eligible Land Uses–

- Crop, Forest, Grazed Range, Hay, Pasture

Additional Requirements for this Category–

- To be eligible under this ranking category, the application acres must be located on or within the boundaries of the approved watershed.

State Issues–

1. Answer the following question 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 1 will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the state priority category.
 - Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is “Yes,” do not answer any other state level questions. If the answer is “No,” proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section. (400 points)
2. Answer the following question related to applications considered joint agreements:
 - Application is a joint agreement, as defined in the Title 440-Conservation Programs Manual, Conservation Program Contracting, Part 512, Section 512.41, with multiple participants in the effort of streambank stabilization. (115 points)
3. Efforts to address resource concern on the Cottonwood River.
 - Conservation Practice (CP) 580, Streambank and Shoreline Protection, will be established on the mainstem of the Cottonwood River. (200 points)
4. Answer the following question related to at-risk species:
 - Any part of the unit of concern is located within 300 feet of a stream that contains an at-risk aquatic species **and** treatment of the resource concern will have a direct benefit to the at-risk aquatic species habitat. Only AQUATIC species identified for this ranking category on the Statewide At-Risk Species Listing are eligible for this resource concern. (60 points)

Reference: <http://www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/2013/criteria.html>

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5. Answer the following question related to partner funding assistance:

- Producer has secured funding for portions of the project from other contributors, which may include, but is not limited to, conservation districts, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams, or other cost–share programs. (25 points)

Local Issues–

Answer the following questions related to the application:

(1) Is the program application to support the development of a CAP? If answer is “Yes,” do not answer any other local level questions. If the answer is “No,” proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section. (250 points)

(2) Application includes at least one practice with a lifespan of 10 years or greater, as documented in the electronic Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG). (125 points)

(3) Practices are scheduled to be completed within four years. (125 points)