

Ranking Category – SEDIMENTATION ABOVE FEDERAL RESERVOIRS

Primary Resource Concerns –

- **Water Quality – Excessive Suspended Sediment and Turbidity in Surface Water**
- **Soil Erosion – Streambank**

Secondary Resource Concern –

- **Fish and Wildlife – Threatened and Endangered Species, Declining Species, Species of Concern (Arkansas Darter, Bald Eagle, Neosho Madtom, Neosho Mucket Mussel, Topeka Shiner)**

Eligible Land Uses –

- **Crop, Forest, Grazed Range, Hay, Pasture**

Additional Requirements for this Category –

- **To be eligible under this ranking category, greater than 50 percent of the application acres are within a federal reservoir priority watershed serving water supply needs designated by the Kansas Water Office (KWO).**
- **No State Issue points will be awarded to any applicant who has had a cancelled or terminated an EQIP contract in the past.**

State Issues –

Answer ONE of the following five questions related to the federal reservoir watershed. If none apply leave the answers “NO”:

- (1a) Greater than or equal to 50.0 percent of the unit of concern is located within a KWO identified Priority 1 federal reservoir watershed. (750 points)
- (1b) Greater than or equal to 50.0 percent of the unit of concern is located within a KWO identified Priority 1 and 2 (must have a combination of these two watersheds) federal reservoir watershed. (600 points)
- (1c) Greater than or equal to 50.0 percent of the unit of concern is located within KWO identified Priority 2 federal reservoir watershed. (450 points)
- (1d) Greater than or equal to 50.0 percent of the unit of concern is located within a KWO identified Priority 1, 2, and 3 (must have a combination of at least two watersheds) federal reservoir watershed. (300 points)
- (1e) Greater than or equal to 50.0 percent of the unit of concern is located within KWO identified Priority 3 federal reservoir watershed. (150 points)

If applicable, answer ONE of the following two questions related to Kansas Geological Survey (KGS) identified sensitive groundwater areas. If neither applies leave the answers “NO”:

- (2a) Greater than or equal to 50.0 percent of the unit of concern is located within a KGS identified sensitive groundwater area. (20 points)

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- (2b) Any part of the unit of concern, but less than 50.0 percent, is located within a KGS identified sensitive groundwater area. (15 points)

If applicable, answer ONE of the following four questions related to drainage into federal reservoirs. If none apply leave the answer “NO”:

- (3a) The entire unit of concern (100.0 percent) is located within a hydrologic unit code (HUC) 11 drainage that is directly adjacent to a federal reservoir. (20 points)
- (3b) The entire unit of concern (100.0 percent) is located in a HUC 8 main stem drainage that is upstream of a federal reservoir, above the HUC 11 drainage that is directly adjacent to the federal reservoir. (10 points)
- (3c) Any part of the unit of concern, but less than 100.0 percent, is located within a hydrologic unit code (HUC) 11 drainage that is directly adjacent to a federal reservoir. (15 points)
- (3d) Any part of the unit of concern, but less than 100.0 percent, is located in a HUC 8 main stem drainage that is upstream of a federal reservoir, above the HUC 11 drainage that is directly adjacent to the federal reservoir. (5 points)

If applicable, answer ONE of the following two questions related to Kansas Source Water Assessment Areas. If neither applies leave the answers “NO”:

- (4a) Greater than or equal to 50 percent of the unit of concern is located within a Kansas Source Water Assessment Area. (15 points)
- (4b) Any part of the unit of concern, but less than 50.0 percent, is located within a Kansas Source Water Assessment Area. (10 points)

Answer the following question related to applications considered joint agreements:

- (5) Application is a joint agreement, as defined in the Conservation Programs Manual, Conservation Program Contracting (CPC), Section 512.41, with multiple participants in the effort of stream bank stabilization. (20 points)

Answer the following question related to at-risk species:

- (6) Any part of the unit of concern is located within an at-risk species habitat area for Arkansas Darter, Bald Eagle, Neosho Madtom, Neosho Mucket Mussel, or Topeka Shiner and treatment of the resource concern will benefit the at-risk species. (10 points)

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Answer the following question related to partner funding assistance:

- (7) 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. (5 points)

Local Issues –

Answer the following questions related to the application:

- (1) Application includes at least one practice with a lifespan of 10 years or greater, as documented in the eFOTG. (5 points)
- (2) Practices are scheduled to be completed within four years. (5 points)
- (3) Participant completed the appropriate Self-Assessment Worksheet (SAW) prior to the application evaluation period cut-off date and returned it to the appropriate Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) field office. SAW was NOT completed by NRCS staff. (5 points)
- (4) Application was deferred from a previous funding period in the Program Contracts System (ProTracts). (5 points)