

**FISCAL YEAR 2010 - KANSAS
WILDLIFE HABITAT INCENTIVES PROGRAM
RANKING WORKSHEET**

*Kansas Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) applications will be accepted
on a continuous basis.*

NAME COUNTY

TOTAL WHIP PLAN OF OPERATIONS (WPO) ACRES TO BE ENROLLED IN WHIP ac.

Prepared by _____ Date _____

Fish and Wildlife Resource Concerns

(Check all that apply)

1) Habitat Fragmentation	<input type="checkbox"/>	5) Threatened and Endangered (T&E) Species: Declining Species, Species of Concern	<input type="checkbox"/>
2) Inadequate Cover/Shelter	<input type="checkbox"/>	6) T&E Fish and/or Wildlife Species	<input type="checkbox"/>
3) Inadequate Food	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
4) Inadequate Water	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Eligible Land Uses (acres)

Cropland	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hayland	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grazed Range	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pasture	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forest	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wildlife	<input type="checkbox"/>

National Issues (Select all questions that apply)

Total possible points = 250

1. Healthy Plant and Animal Communities - Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the applicant to:

a) Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) (40 points)	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Address and support one of the following priorities: (40 points)	<input type="checkbox"/>
*Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watersheds Initiative (MRBI)	<input type="checkbox"/>
*North American Waterfowl Management Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>
*National Fish Habitat Action Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>
*Greater Sage Grouse Conservation Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>
*State Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategies (also referred to as the State Wildlife Action Plans)	<input type="checkbox"/>
*Northern Bobwhite Conservation Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>
*Restoration of Longleaf Pine Forests	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Benefit federally listed threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, fish or wildlife species of concern (25 points)	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Benefit prioritized native habitat critical to a fish or wildlife species? (25 points)	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat? (25 points)	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Eradicate or control prioritized noxious or invasive species? (20 points)	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Benefit declining or important aquatic wildlife species prioritized in the State WHIP Plan? (20 points)	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Implement conservation practices which benefit prioritized fish or wildlife species in forested areas?(15 points)	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Establish habitat on pivot corners and irregular areas on agricultural land? (10 points)	<input type="checkbox"/>
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)? (10 points)	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Business Lines - Conservation Implementation - Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the applicant in the proposed project complete habitat development within the first two years of the agreement? (20 points)	<input type="checkbox"/>

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State Issues

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1	<p>If applicable, answer ONE of the following questions related to the Kansas WHIP priority concerns. If none apply, leave the answers "NO":</p> <p>a) Will the WPO meet the minimum requirements for a targeted species of statewide concern (pheasants, bobwhite quail, or prairie chicken) based on Kansas WHIP Species Specific Habitat Assessment? (40 points)</p> <p>b) Will the WPO restore or enhance critical habitat for T&E species or provide habitat for species in need of conservation (SINC)? (40 points)</p> <p>c) Will the WPO restore, enhance, or create identified natural communities? (wetlands, prairie, or riparian areas) (30 points)</p> <p>d) Will the WPO target species of statewide concern but not meet the minimum habitat requirements for those species, based on the Kansas Species Specific Habitat Assessment? (10 points)</p> <p>e) Will the WPO address habitat for non-priority species? (5 points)</p>		
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2	<p>If applicable, answer ONE of the following questions related to native grass. If none apply, leave the answers "NO":</p> <p>Will the WPO acres include a native grass seeding or an existing stand of native grass that is:</p> <p>a) greater than or equal to 80 acres (50 points)</p> <p>b) 21 to 79 acres (25 points)</p> <p>c) < or = 20 acres (10 points)</p>		
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3	<p>Answer the following question related to the target wildlife species and brush management:</p> <p>Will the WPO address brush management for the target wildlife species on all of the applicable offered acres on Kansas Grasslands? (50 points)</p>		
		<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
4	<p>If applicable, answer ONE of the following questions related to complementary conservation programs. If none apply, leave the answers "NO":</p> <p>Are there complementary conservation programs, other than federal WHIP, including Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP), Grassland Reserve Program (GRP), Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP), Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Continuous CRP (CCRP), Conservation Security Program (CSP), Forestry Land Enhancement Program (FLEP), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Partners for Wildlife, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program, or other similar programs that are actively managed for wildlife on the applicant's land or adjacent to the WPO acres?</p> <p>a) 4 complementary programs actively present (15 points)</p> <p>b) 3 complementary programs actively present (11 points)</p> <p>c) 2 complementary programs actively present (8 points)</p> <p>d) 1 complementary program actively present (6 points)</p>		
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5	<p>Answer the following question related to the WPO acres:</p> <p>Are the WPO acres adjacent to property with long-term conservation easements (> 10 years) that are actively managed for wildlife? (10 points)</p>		
		<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
6	<p>Answer ONE of the following questions related to the planned habitat improvement score from the eFOTG Kansas Wildlife Habitat Assessment Guide (KWHAG):</p> <p>The planned habitat value improvement score from the KWHAG is:</p> <p>a) greater than or equal to 31 (20 points)</p> <p>b) between 21 and 30 (15 points)</p> <p>c) between 11 and 20 (10 points)</p> <p>d) between 1 and 10 (5 points)</p>		
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7	<p>Answer the following question related to partner's financial assistance contribution:</p> <p>Is the partner's financial assistance contribution to the WPO greater than or equal to 10 percent? (10 points)</p>		
8	<p>Answer the following question related to access programs:</p> <p>Are the WPO acres currently enrolled in KDWP Walk-In Hunting Areas (WHIA), Fishing Impoundment Stream Habitat (FISH), or similar access programs? (5 points)</p>		
9	<p>Answer the following question related to wetland habitat:</p> <p>Will the WPO acres include a shallow water development or a wetland development of < 10 acres in size, that includes either an existing or planned buffer of native grass at least 30 feet wide? (190 points)</p>		
Local Issues		Total possible points 50	
10	<p>Answer the following question related to tree species with invasive potential:</p> <p>What level of infestation of a tree species with invasive potential is present? (Refer to Section IV of electronic Field Office Technical Guide [eFOTG], Brush Management, Practice Code 314, Construction Specifications, Table 2 for percentages).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">a) 0 - 5 percent infestation (50 points)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">b) Medium level of Infestation (25 points)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">c) High level of Infestation (10 points)</p>		