

**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)
- b) Address and support one of the following priorities: (40 points)
- \*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
- c) Benefit federally listed threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, fish or wildlife species of concern (25 points)
- d) Benefit prioritized native habitat critical to a fish or wildlife species? (25 points)
- e) Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat? (25 points)
- f) Eradicate or control prioritized noxious or invasive species? (20 points)
- g) Benefit declining or important aquatic wildlife species prioritized in the State WHIP Plan? (20 points)
- h) Implement conservation practices which benefit prioritized fish or wildlife species in forested areas?(15 points)
- i) Establish habitat on pivot corners and irregular areas on agricultural land? (10 points)
- 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)

**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)**

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**State Issues**

Total possible points 390

<b>1</b>	If applicable, answer ONE of the following questions related to the Kansas WHIP priority concerns. If none apply, leave the answers "NO":	
	a) Will the WPO meet the minimum requirements for a priority species of statewide concern (pheasants, bobwhite quail, or prairie chicken) based on Kansas WHIP Species Specific Habitat Assessment? (40 points)	<input type="text"/>
	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)	<input type="text"/>
	c) Will the WPO restore, enhance, or create identified natural communities? (wetlands, prairie, or riparian areas) (30 points)	<input type="text"/>
	d) Will the WPO priority species of statewide concern but not meet the minimum habitat requirements for those species, based on the Kansas Species Specific Habitat Assessment? (10 points)	<input type="text"/>
	e) Will the WPO address habitat for non-priority species? (5 points)	<input type="text"/>
<b>2</b>	If applicable, answer ONE of the following questions related to native grass. If none apply, leave the answers "NO":	
	Will the WPO acres include a native grass seeding or an existing stand of native grass that is:	
	a) greater than or equal to 80 acres (50 points)	<input type="text"/>
	b) 21 to 79 acres (25 points)	<input type="text"/>
	c) < or = 20 acres (10 points)	<input type="text"/>
<b>3</b>	Answer the following question related to the priority wildlife species and brush management:	
	Will the WPO address brush management for the priority wildlife species on all of the applicable offered acres on Kansas Grasslands? (50 points)	<input type="text"/>
<b>4</b>	If applicable, answer ONE of the following questions related to complementary conservation programs. If none apply, leave the answers "NO":	
	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?	
	a) 4 complementary programs actively present (15 points)	<input type="text"/>
	b) 3 complementary programs actively present (11 points)	<input type="text"/>
	c) 2 complementary programs actively present (8 points)	<input type="text"/>
	d) 1 complementary program actively present (6 points)	<input type="text"/>
<b>5</b>	Answer the following question related to the WPO acres:	
	Are the WPO acres adjacent to property with long-term conservation easements (> 10 years) that are actively managed for wildlife? (10 points)	<input type="text"/>
<b>6</b>	Answer ONE of the following questions related to the planned habitat improvement score from the eFOTG Kansas Wildlife Habitat Assessment Guide (KWHAG):	
	The planned habitat value improvement score from the KWHAG is:	
	a) greater than or equal to 31 (20 points)	<input type="text"/>
	b) between 21 and 30 (15 points)	<input type="text"/>
	c) between 11 and 20 (10 points)	<input type="text"/>
	d) between 1 and 10 (5 points)	<input type="text"/>

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**State Issues (continued)** Total possible points 390

**7** Answer the following question *if* there is another partner's financial assistance contribution:  
Is the partner's financial assistance contribution to the WPO greater than or equal to 10 percent?  
(10 points)

**8** Answer the following question related to access programs:  
Are the WPO acres currently enrolled in KDWP Walk-In Hunting Access (WIHA), Fishing Impoundment Stream Habitat (FISH), or similar access programs? (5 points)

**9** Answer the following question related to wetland habitat:  
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)

**Local Issues** Total possible points 50

**10** Answer the following question related to tree species with invasive potential:  
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).

a) 0 - 5 percent infestation (50 points)  
b) Medium level of Infestation (25 points)  
c) High level of Infestation (10 points)

# WHIP APPLICATION WORKSHEET

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

**Applicant Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**County** \_\_\_\_\_ (County where offer is located)

**Tract Number(s)** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total WHIP Plan of Operations (WPO) acres to be enrolled in WHIP:**

**#645 ac.** \_\_\_\_\_ **#644 ac.** \_\_\_\_\_

(Enter the total number of acres being offered for ENROLLMENT in WHIP and enter the total number of acres that will be covered by either a 645 (Wildlife Upland Habitat Management) or 644 (Wildlife Wetland Habitat Management) practice narrative. **Note:** All acres in the WPO must meet either 645 or 644 standards and specifications and will be covered by one of these management practices.)

**Aquatic Habitat Management Acres** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Enter the number of acres in the WPO that will be managed as aquatic habitat; e.g., streams, lakes, ponds, and wetlands.)

**Riparian Habitat Management Acres** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Enter the number of acres in the WPO that will be managed as riparian habitat. Riparian usually refers to that area from the bank up to the outer limits of the flood plain.)

**Threatened and Endangered (T&E) Species or Species in Need of Conservation (SINC) will be addressed** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (List species benefited and attach a written statement of concurrence from a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) or Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) biologist stating how the WPO restores/enhances critical habitat for the listed species. See electronic Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG) Section II for descriptions of designated critical habitat and listings for SINC species for each county.)

**Species of Statewide Concern To Be Addressed** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (The WHIP Kansas State Plan identifies upland birds (ring-necked pheasant, northern bobwhite (quail) and prairie chickens) as species of statewide concern due to declining populations. The WPOs that provide the required habitat for these species on suitable lands are a priority for WHIP in Kansas. If applicable, list the species of statewide concern the WPO will address.)

**Other Targeted Species and/or Identified Natural Communities** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (List other targeted species and/or natural communities the WPO will address. The WHIP Kansas State Plan identifies wetlands, riparian areas, and prairies as natural communities in Kansas that should receive high priority. See the WHIP Kansas State Plan for more information.)

**WHIP Objectives:** (Briefly explain how the WPO will benefit the target species and address the identified limiting habitat components for those species.)

Preliminary Plan						
Field No.	Conservation Practice	Practice Extent	Practice Unit	Payment Rate	Estimated WHIP Financial Assistance (FA)	
		0		\$0.00	\$0.00	
		0		\$0.00	\$0.00	
		0		\$0.00	\$0.00	
		0		\$0.00	\$0.00	
		0		\$0.00	\$0.00	
		0		\$0.00	\$0.00	
		0		\$0.00	\$0.00	
		0		\$0.00	\$0.00	
<i>(Note: \$3,500 cost-share limit placed on Ponds [378])</i>					<b>Estimated Total WHIP FA:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

Adjoining land that is managed for wildlife (list programs) \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Estimated Total WPO Cost:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Partner's FA Cost:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Partner's Percent of Total WPO Cost:</b>	0%

Enrolled in Walk-in-Hunting Areas (WIHA)/ Fishing Impoundment Stream Habitat (FISH)? \_\_\_\_\_

**Assisted by** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Eligible Land Uses (acres)**

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**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)**

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<b>NAME</b> <input style="width:90%;" type="text"/>	<b>COUNTY</b> <input style="width:90%;" type="text"/>	
<b>State Issues</b>	Total possible points <del>390</del> 160	Application Points <input style="width:50px;" type="text" value="0"/>

**WHIP Priority Concerns**

<b>1</b>	If applicable, answer ONE of the following questions related to the Kansas WHIP priority concerns. If none apply, leave the answers "NO": a) Will the WPO meet the minimum requirements for a <del>targeted</del> priority species of statewide concern (pheasants, northern bobwhite quail, or prairie-chicken) based on Kansas WHIP Species Specific Habitat Assessment? (40 points) 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) c) Will the WPO restore, enhance, or create <del>identified</del> priority natural communities? (wetlands, prairie, or riparian areas) (30 points) d) Will the WPO target priority species of statewide concern but not meet the minimum habitat requirements for those species, based on the Kansas Species Specific Habitat Assessment? (10 pts) e) Will the WPO address habitat for non-priority species? (5 points)	
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**Native Grass Management**

<b>2</b>	If applicable, answer ONE of the following questions related to existing native grass. If none apply, leave the answers "NO": Will the WPO acres include an <del>native grass seeding or an existing stand</del> of native grass that is: a) greater than or equal to 80 acres (50 25 points) b) 21 to 79 acres (25 15 points) c) < or = 20 acres (10 5 points)	
<b>3</b>	Answer the following question related to the <del>target priority wildlife species and brush management</del> : Will the WPO address brush management for the <del>target</del> priority wildlife species on all of the applicable <del>offered</del> WPO acres on Kansas Grasslands? (50 10 points)	
<b>4</b>	Answer the following question related to tree species with invasive potential on existing native grass: 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). a) <del>0-5 percent</del> None to low infestation (50 10 points) b) Medium level of Infestation (25 5 points) c) High level of Infestation (10 0 points)	
<b>5</b>	Answer the following question related to use of prescribed fire: Will Prescribed Burning (338) be included in the WPO to improve habitat for priority species? Yes - (15 points) No - (0 points)	
<b>6</b>	Answer ONE of the following questions related to native grass mix plantings: Will the WPO include vegetative establishment meeting practice code 645 that is: a) greater than or equal to 20 acres (20 points) b. > or = to 10 ac or < 20 ac (15 points) c) less than 10 acres (10 points)	

**Location**

<b>7</b>	If applicable, answer ONE of the following questions related to complementary conservation programs. If none apply, leave the answers "NO":	
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**8** Answer the following question related to the WPO acres:  
 Are the WPO acres adjacent to property with long-term conservation easements (> 10 years) that are actively managed for wildlife? (10 points)

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**State Issues (continued)** Total possible points 160

**Partnerships**

**9** Answer the following question related to partner's financial assistance contribution:  
 Is the partner's financial assistance contribution to the WPO greater than or equal to 10 percent? (10 points)

**10** Answer the following question related to access programs:  
 Are the WPO acres currently enrolled in KDWP Walk-In Hunting Areas (WHIA), Fishing Impoundment Stream Habitat (FISH), or similar access programs? (5 points)

**Local Issues** Total possible points 50 30

**11** Answer ONE of the following questions related to the planned habitat improvement score from the eFOTG Kansas Wildlife Habitat Assessment Guide (KWHAG):  
 The planned habitat value improvement score from the KWHAG is:

- a) greater than or equal to 31 (20 points)
- b) between 21 and 30 (15 points)
- c) between 11 and 20 (10 points)
- d) between 1 and 10 (5 points)

**12** Answer the following question related to wetland habitat:  
 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? (10 points)

Total points

**FISCAL YEAR 2010 KANSAS  
WHIP ELIGIBLE PRACTICE LIST**

<b>Practice Code</b>	<b>Practice Name<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Reporting Units</b>
314	Brush Management <sup>6</sup>	Acre
322	Channel Bank vegetation	Acre
332	Contour Buffer Strips	Acre
338	Prescribed Burning	Acre
340	Cover Crop	Acre
342	Critical Area Planting	Acre
356	Dike <sup>2</sup>	Feet
362	Diversion <sup>2</sup>	Feet
378	Pond (\$3,500 limit per contract)	Number
380	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment	Feet
382	Fence <sup>8</sup>	Feet
386	Field Border	Feet
391	Riparian Forest Buffer	Acre
393	Filter Strip	Acre
394	Firebreak	Feet
412	Grassed Waterway	Acre
422	Hedgerow Planting	Feet
430DD	Irrigation Water Conveyance, Pipeline, High Pressure, Underground, Plastic <sup>3</sup>	Feet
472	Access Control <sup>7</sup>	Acre
441	Irrigation System, Microirrigation <sup>3</sup>	Acre
484	Mulching	Acre
490	Tree and Shrub Site Preparation	Acre
512	Pasture and Hay Planting	Acre
516	Pipeline <sup>5</sup>	Feet
521B	Pond Sealing and Lining, Soil Dispersant <sup>4</sup>	Number
521C	Pond Sealing and Lining, Bentonite Sealant <sup>4</sup>	Number
521D	Pond Sealing and Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment <sup>4</sup>	Number
528	Prescribed Grazing	Acre
550	Range Planting	Acre
574	Spring Development	Number
580	Streambank and Shoreline Protection	Feet
587	Structure for Water Control	Number
589C	Cross Wind Trap Strips	Acre
595	Pest Management <sup>6</sup>	Acre
603	Herbaceous Wind Barrier	Feet
612	Tree/Shrub Establishment	Acre
614	Watering Facility	Number
638	Water and Sediment Control Basin	Number
642	Water Well	Number
643	Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats	Acre
645	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management <sup>9,10,11,12</sup>	Acre
650	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation	Feet
657	Wetland Restoration	Acre
658	Wetland Creation	Acre
659	Wetland Enhancement	Acre
666	Forest Stand Improvement	Acre
	<sup>1</sup> Historically Underserved (HU) - Beginning Farmer (BF)/Rancher, Limited Resource Farmer (LRF)/Rancher, and Socially Disadvantaged Farmer (SDF)/Rancher are eligible for a higher payment rate. LRF, BF, or SDF may apply under the ranking category specific to their resource concern, or the ranking category specifically for their historically underserved group.	
	<sup>2</sup> Practice eligible when supporting Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) practice code 646, Shallow Water Development and Management in the Wildlife Plan of Operations (WPO).	
	<sup>3</sup> Practice eligible when supporting NRCS practice codes 380, 391, 612 or 650.	
	<sup>4</sup> Practice will be included within the \$3,500 limit when supporting NRCS practice code 378.	

5	Practice eligible when supporting NRCS practice codes 574 or 614.
6	Broadcast and aerial treatment will be eligible only where mechanical or spot treatment are not practical. If broadcast or aerial treatment is needed, justification will be documented in the producer's case file.
7	Practice is eligible for management payment only where livestock are excluded for twelve consecutive months and followed by two years of prescribed grazing. Practice codes 472 and 528 will not be applied for incentive on the same acres in the same year.
8	Perimeter Fence for expiring CRP is allowable
9	Practice will be implemented a minimum of three years. Payment will be made upon annual implementation of the practice.
10	Practices are eligible on cropland planted to permanent vegetation meeting NRCS eFOTG standards and specifications of 512 and 550
11	Management payment to leave brood strips in wheat stubble. Strips must be a minimum of one acre and must not exceed ten percent of an individual field. Pivot corners and fields less than or equal to one acre are eligible in their entirety. No stubble manipulation (tillage, mowing, spraying, grazing, etc.) allowed following crop harvest until after March 31 of the following year.
12	Management payment to leave unharvested strips in hayland fields of warm season grasses or alfalfa. Harvest must start in the middle of the field and proceed outward or begin on one side and move across the field.