

Ranking Category – COOPERATIVE CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE

Primary Resource Concerns –

- **Water Quality – Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water**

Eligible Land Uses –

- **Crop, Hay, and Pasture**

Additional Requirements for this Category –

- **Unit of concern must have conduit to surface water, as defined by the Environmental Protection Agency.**
- **The 2008 Farm Bill requires that an Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) plan of operations that includes an animal waste management facility will provide for the development and implementation of a comprehensive nutrient management plan (CNMP). Payment will not be made on any practice until the CNMP has been developed.**

State Issues –

If applicable, answer ONE of the following four questions related to Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL). If none apply, leave the answers “NO”:

- (1a) Greater than or equal to 50 percent of the unit of concern is located within a Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) identified high priority TMDL watershed for eutrophication, dissolved oxygen, nutrients, and/or pesticides AND is targeted to meet the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Strategic Plan to improve water quality nationwide by 2012. (1200 points)
- (1b) Any part of the unit of concern, but less than 50 percent, is located within a KDHE identified high priority TMDL watershed for eutrophication, dissolved oxygen, nutrients, and/or pesticides AND is targeted to meet the EPA Strategic Plan to improve water quality nationwide by 2012. (900 points)
- (1c) Greater than or equal to 50 percent of the unit of concern is located within a KDHE identified high priority TMDL watershed for eutrophication, dissolved oxygen, nutrients, and/or pesticides but is NOT a TMDL targeted to meet the EPA Strategic Plan. (600 points)
- (1d) Any part of the unit of concern, but less than 50 percent, is located within a KDHE identified high priority TMDL watershed for eutrophication, dissolved oxygen, nutrients, and/or pesticides but is NOT a TMDL targeted to meet the EPA Strategic Plan. (300 points)

Receiving water body is defined as permanent water bodies greater than 0.5 acre in size; rivers; streams, including United States Geological Survey blue line intermittent streams; and Food Security Act wetlands for which hydrology has not been altered. If applicable, answer ONE of the following two questions related to receiving water bodies. If neither applies, leave the answers “NO”:

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- (2a) Any part of the unit of concern is located within 180.0 feet of a receiving water body or has a soil with frequent flood frequency. (200 points)
- (2b) Any part of the unit of concern is located between 180.1 to 300 feet, but not less than 180.0 feet, of a receiving water body or has a soil with occasional flood frequency. (100 points)

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

- (3a) Greater than or equal to 50 percent of the unit of concern is located within a Kansas Source Water Assessment Area. (50 points)
- (3b) Any part of the unit of concern, but less than 50 percent, is located within a Kansas Source Water Assessment Area. (25 points)

Answer the following question related to Watershed Restoration Action Plans (WRAPs):

- (4) Any part of the unit of concern is located in a WRAPs implementation area. (10 points)

Answer the following question related to development of a CNMP:

- (5) A CNMP has been developed prior to the evaluation cutoff date, and is ready to be implemented. (10 points)

The following question **MUST BE ANSWERED “YES”** in order for this application to be considered eligible for this ranking category:

- (6) The following requirement must be met: A CNMP will be developed and implemented. The CNMP must be developed before payment can be received on any practice.