

## NH NRCS 2012 GRASSLAND RESERVE PROGRAM RANKING SHEET

The NRCS Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) is a voluntary program for landowners and operators to protect, restore, and enhance grassland, including rangeland, pastureland and shrubland. Applications received by NRCS are prioritized based on the ranking criteria represented in this spreadsheet.

### Please complete the following information for the Landowner

Landowner Name:			
Landowner Address:			
	<i>Street</i>	<i>City/Town State, Zip</i>	
Landowner Number:			
	<i>Home</i>	<i>Cell</i>	
Landowner Email:			
Parcel Name:			
Parcel County:			

### Please complete the following information for the Cooperating Entity (if applicable)

Entity Name:			
Entity Contact Name:			
Entity Address:			
	<i>Street</i>	<i>City/Town State, Zip</i>	
Entity Number:			
	<i>Home</i>	<i>Cell</i>	
Entity Email:			

<b>National Ranking Criteria</b>				
<b>Category</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Maximum Points</b>	<b>Points Assigned</b>
<b>Resource Features</b>	1	Parcel was previously enrolled in CRP: SCALE: Yes = 10 points; No = 0 points	10	
	2	Percent of cropland, pastureland, grassland, or rangeland in parcel: SCALE: 0 points for less than 33%; 1 point for every % over 33 percent (up to a maximum of 50 points)	50	
	3	Ratio of total acres of land in parcel to average county farm size: SCALE: Less than county avg. = 0 points; Equal to county avg. = 25 points; Greater than county avg. = 40 points	40	
	<b>Maximum Points for Resource Factors</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Development Pressure Factors</b>	4	Population Change, 2000 - 2007 (U.S. Census): SCALE: Greater than NH average (6.5%) = 30 Points; Less than NH average = 0 points	30	
	5	Population Density (Persons per Square Mile, 2000 U.S. Census): SCALE: greater than NH average (137.8) = 30 points; less than NH average = 0 points	30	
	6	Between the last 2 census, there has been a decrease in the % of farm and ranch land in the county where the parcel is located: SCALE: Yes = 50 points; No = 0 points	50	
	<b>Maximum Points for Development Pressure Factors</b>		<b>110</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Infrastructure Factors</b>	7	Proximity of parcel to other protected lands: SCALE: directly abuts parcel = 100 points; within 1 mile of parcel = 50 points; between 1 and 5 mile from parcel = 10 points; greater than 5 miles = 0 points	100	
	8	Proximity of parcel to other agricultural operations or infrastructure: SCALE: within 1 mile = 50 points; 1 to 5 miles = 25 points; 6 to 10 miles = 10 points; Greater than 10 miles = 0 points	50	
	<b>Maximum Points for Infrastructure Factors</b>		<b>150</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Maximum Points for National Criteria</b>			<b>360</b>	<b>0</b>

State Ranking Criteria				
Category	#	Criteria	Maximum Points	Points Assigned
Cultural Resources Factors	9	The parcel is currently listed, or is it a candidate for listing, on the <u>National Register of Historic Places</u> : SCALE: Yes = 50 points (if yes, provide date of listing); No = 0 points	50	
	10	The parcel contains sites of cultural or historical significance as identified by the <u>NH Department of Historic Resources</u> : SCALE: Yes = 40 points; No = 0 points	40	
	<b>Maximum Points for Cultural Resource Factors</b>		<b>90</b>	<b>0</b>
Cost-Effectiveness Factors	11	Landowner is willing to take less for the easement or another source is available to reduce the government's cost of easement purchase (document match). SCALE: 10 points for every 10% of demonstrated match up to a maximum of 50 points.	50	
	12	Landowner or other source is willing to contribute to easement acquisition (such as title searches, boundary surveys, etc.) or restoration costs (engineering designs, practice implementation, etc.) (document match). SCALE: 5 points for every \$1000 of donated service value up to a maximum of 50 points.	50	
	<b>Maximum Points for Cost-Effectiveness Factors</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>
Biodiversity	13	<b>WAP Tiers</b> Highest Ranked Habitat in NH 50 Pts or Highest Ranked Habitat in Biological Region 30 Pts or Supporting Landscape 20 Pts	50	
	14	<b>WAP Layer</b> 20 Points (one time) Important Bird Area	20	
	<b>Maximum Points for Biodiversity</b>		<b>70</b>	<b>0</b>
Additional Factors	15	Parcel contains prime or statewide important farmland soils. SCALE: Yes = 0 points; No = 50 points	50	
	16	Applicant possesses farm business plans/estate planning that address successional transfer for the next generation to maintain farm in agricultural production. SCALE: Yes = 50 points; No = 0 points	50	
	<b>Maximum Points for Additional Factors</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Maximum Points for State Criteria</b>			<b>360</b>	<b>0</b>

Total Ranking Score - 720 Points Possible					
Total Score for National Criteria:	0	Total Score for State Criteria:	0	Total Combined Score:	0