

Massachusetts Wetlands Reserve Program Ranking

Applicant Name: _____ Date: _____

Town: _____ County: _____

Evaluators: _____

Total Property Acres: _____ Total WRP Offered Acres: _____
 Wetland Acres: _____ Upland Acres: _____

Environmental Benefit Considerations	Points	Score
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Land Use	Points	Score
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Q.1	Predominant Cropping History		
	Land is presently being farmed as cropland	20	
	Land is presently being used as hayland, pasture	15	
	Land was used for agriculture within past 5 years	10	
	Land was used for agriculture more than 5 years ago	5	
	Total		

Q.2	Total Wetland Acreage to be Restored		
	> 50 acres	20	
	>25 to 50 acres	15	
	>10 to 25 acres	10	
	>5 to 10 acres	5	
	5 acres or less	0	
	Total		

Water Quality/Quantity	Points	Score
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Q.3	Proximity of easement to perennial stream or large body of water (i.e., greater than 10 acres)		
	Proposed easement is within 330 feet of a perennial stream or large body of water	10	
	Proposed easement is within 660 feet of a perennial stream or large body of water	5	
	There is no perennial stream and/or large water body within 660 feet of the proposed easement	0	
	Total		

Q.4	Outstanding Resource Waters		
	Proposed easement is located within an area designated as an Outstanding Resource Water	5	
	Proposed easement is not within an area designated as an Outstanding Resource Water	0	
	Total		

Q.4	Zone II and Interim Wellhead Protection Areas		
	Proposed easement is located within 330 feet of a Zone II or Interim Wellhead Protection Area	5	
	Proposed easement is located more than 330 feet from a Zone II or Interim Wellhead Protection Area	0	
	Total		

Species and Habitat

Q.5 BioMap and Living Waters Projects

Proposed easement is located within "core habitat or riparian area"
 Proposed easement is located with "supporting natural landscape or watershed"
 Proposed easement is located in a non-targeted habitat

10	
5	
0	
Total	

Q.6 Width of buffer around eligible wetland that landowner is enrolling

≥ 300 feet wide
 ≥ 200 feet wide
 ≥ 100 feet wide
 < 100 feet wide

10	
7	
5	
0	
Total	

Q.7 NHESP Designated Priority Habitat

Proposed easement is located within NHESP designated priority habitat *and* restoration will provide habitat for the designated species

 Proposed easement is located adjacent to NHESP designated priority habitat *and* restoration will provide habitat for the designated species
 Proposed easement is not located within or adjacent to NHESP designated priority habitat

5	
3	
0	
Total	

Q.6 Restoration will provide habitat for:

Federal threatened, endangered or candidate species
 State threatened, endangered or special concern species
 Species identified as at-risk in Massachusetts Wildlife Action Plan
 None of the above

10	
5	
3	
0	
Total	

Points may be accrued under all categories if applicable

Species Names: _____

Protection and Enhancement of Open Space

Q.7 Proximity of site to permanently protected open space providing beneficial wildlife habitat

Directly adjacent
 Within 1/4 mile
 Within 1/2 mile
 Greater than 1/2 mile

10	
7	
4	
0	
Total	

Q.8 Access to Public

Proposed easement will be open to the public
 Proposed easement will be closed to the public

5	
0	
Total	

Total Environmental Benefits Points	0
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Economic Considerations		Points	Score
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Questions 1 through 3 (below) do not directly affect the total ranking score - they are only used to determine the denominator when evaluating Q4.

Q.1	Estimated Easement Cost per Acre
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- ≤ \$5,000 per acre
- >\$5,000 to \$15,000 per acre
- > \$15,000 per acre

1	
2	
3	

Q.2	Estimated Cost of Restoration per Acre
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- < \$1,000 per acre
- \$1000 to \$3000 per acre
- >\$3000 per acre

1	
2	
3	

Q.3	Operation and Maintenance
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- Minimal or no maintenance required (no structures to maintain)
- Infrequent maintenance of structural components and/or vegetation management needed
- Long term or extensive maintenance is required

1	
2	
3	

Avg. Economic Considerations Value	
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Q.4	Cost Benefit Comparison = Total Environmental Benefit points/Average Economic Considerations value
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- Cost benefit score ≥20
- Cost benefit score ≥10
- Cost benefit score ≥8
- Cost benefit score ≥6
- Cost benefit score ≥4
- Cost benefit score <4

25	
20	
15	
10	
5	
1	
Total	

TOTAL WRP RANKING POINTS	0
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