

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

WLEB Indiana FY13

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: WLEB Indiana FY13		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer implement conservation practices which:	
3. a. Decrease aquifer overdraft?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean Air: Treatment of air quality from agricultural sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
4. a. Meet on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Reduce on-farm generated green house gases such as CO2 (Carbon Dioxide), CH4 (Methane), and N2O (Nitrous Oxide)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
6. a. Benefit on-farm habitat associated with threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Help retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project assist the producer implement practices which:	

7. a. Help manage or control noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Increase, or improve habitat to benefit pollinator or other targeted wildlife species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. c. Properly dispose of livestock carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. d. Are identified in an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. e. Are identified in a Nutrient Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. f. Apply principles of adaptive nutrient management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which:	
8. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with practices and improvements identified in an approved energy audit equivalent to criteria required in Ag EMP (122,124)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
9. a. Implementation of all conservation practices scheduled in the contract on the CPA-1155 within three years of date of obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c. Implementation of practice(s) which will complete an existing conservation system or suite of practices?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. This application will result in the adoption of the complete OH/IN/MI Phosphorus Management System on ALL offered cropland acres. This includes all applicable CORE PRACTICES: 1) 329 No-Till--on all crops in the rotation, every year; 2) 340 Cover Crops--on at least 50% of the rotation; 3) 590 Nutrient Management--enhanced; 4) 328 Conservation Crop Rotation--meeting criteria to improve Soil Quality in the 328 standard; and 5) Buffers along all water bodies as applicable (new or existing)--buffers can be scheduled as meeting any of the following standards--327, 342, 380, 386, 390, 391, 393, or 422.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. This application will result in the adoption of the complete OH/IN/MI Phosphorus Management System on land that is within 1 of the priority 12-digit watersheds. To qualify for these points, any of the offered land must fall within one or more of the following priority watersheds: 04100003-0603, 04100004-0401, 04100004-0402, 04100004-0405, 04100004-0406, or 04100004-0408.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. This application will result in the adoption of the complete OH/IN/MI Phosphorus Management System on all of the offered cropland acres, and at least THREE of the practices are NOT CURRENTLY IMPLEMENTED at the time of application. This includes all applicable CORE PRACTICES: 1) 329 No-Till--on all crops in the rotation, every year; 2) 340 Cover Crops--on at least 50% of the rotation; 3) 590 Nutrient Management--enhanced; 4) 328 Conservation Crop Rotation--meeting criteria to improve Soil Quality in the 328 standard; and 5) Buffers along all water bodies as applicable (new or existing)--buffers can be scheduled as meeting any of the following standards--327, 342, 380, 386, 390, 391, 393, or 422.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. This application will result in the adoption of the complete OH/IN/MI Phosphorus Management System on all of the offered cropland acres, and at least TWO of the practices are NOT CURRENTLY IMPLEMENTED at the time of application. This includes all applicable CORE PRACTICES: 1) 329 No-Till--on all crops in the rotation, every year; 2) 340 Cover Crops--on at least 50% of the rotation; 3) 590 Nutrient Management--enhanced; 4) 328 Conservation Crop Rotation--meeting criteria to improve Soil Quality in the 328 standard; and 5) Buffers along all water bodies as applicable (new or existing)--buffers can be scheduled as meeting any of the following standards--327, 342, 380, 386, 390, 391, 393, or 422.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. This application will result in the adoption of the complete OH/IN/MI Phosphorus Management System on all offered cropland acres, and at least ONE of the practices are NOT CURRENTLY IMPLEMENTED at the time of application. This includes all applicable CORE PRACTICES: 1) 329 No-Till--on all crops in the rotation, every year; 2) 340 Cover Crops--on at least 50% of the rotation; 3) 590 Nutrient Management--enhanced; 4) 328 Conservation Crop Rotation--meeting criteria to improve Soil Quality in the 328 standard; and 5) Buffers along all water bodies as applicable (new or existing)--buffers can be scheduled as meeting any of the following standards--327, 342, 380, 386, 390, 391, 393, or 422.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
This application will address the most important local resource priority. (57 Points)	
1. Adams--Water Quality Degradation - Excess nutrients in surface and ground waters; Allen--Water Quality Degradation - Excess nutrients in surface and ground waters; DeKalb--Water quality degradation – Excessive Sediment in surface waters; Noble--Soil Quality degradation - organic matter depletion; Steuben--Water Quality Degradation - Excess nutrients in surface and ground waters; Wells--Water Quality Degradation - Excess nutrients in surface and ground waters	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
This application will address the second-most important local resource priority. (40 Points)	
1. Adams--Soil Quality degradation - Compaction; Allen--Water quality degradation – Excessive Sediment in surface waters; DeKalb--Water Quality Degradation - Excess nutrients in surface and ground waters; Noble--Soil Quality degradation - Compaction; Steuben--Water quality degradation – Excessive Sediment in surface waters; Wells--Water quality degradation - excess pathogens and chemicals from manure, bio-solids, or compost	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
This application will address the third-most important local resource priority. (35 Points)	
1. Adams--Soil Quality degradation - organic matter depletion; Allen--Degraded Plant Condition - undesirable plant productivity and health; DeKalb--Soil Erosion - Concentrated Flow; Noble--Water Quality Degradation - Excess nutrients in surface and ground waters; Steuben--Soil Erosion - Excessive bank erosion from streams or shorelines or water conveyance channels; Wells--Soil Quality degradation - organic matter depletion	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
This application will address the fourth-most important local resource priority. (30 Points)	
1. Adams--Water quality degradation - excess pathogens and chemicals from manure, bio-solids, or compost; Allen--Soil Quality degradation - organic matter depletion; DeKalb--Soil Quality degradation - organic matter depletion; Noble--Water quality degradation - pesticides transported to surface and ground waters; Steuben--Soil Quality degradation - organic matter depletion; Wells--Soil Quality degradation - Compaction	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
This application will address the fifth-most important local resource priority. (25 Points)	
1. Adams--Degraded Plant Condition - undesirable plant productivity and health; Allen--Water Quality degradation - excessive salts in surface and ground waters; DeKalb--Fish and Wildlife - Habitat Degradation; Noble--Soil quality degradation - subsidence; Steuben--Priority 14 digit watershed - 040500011-0030; Wells--Soil Erosion - Concentrated Flow	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
This application will address the sixth-most important local resource priority. (20 Points)	
1. Adams--Soil Erosion - Concentrated Flow; Allen--Degraded plant condition - excessive plant pest pressure; DeKalb--Degraded Plant Condition - undesirable plant productivity and health; Noble--Livestock Production limitation - Inadequate Feed and Forage; Steuben--Soil Erosion - Sheet, Rill, and Wind; Wells--Degraded Plant Condition - undesirable plant productivity and health	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
This application will address the seventh-most important local resource priority. (17 Points)	
1. Adams--Livestock Production limitation - Inadequate Feed and Forage; Allen--Water quality degradation - excess pathogens and chemicals from manure, bio-solids, or compost; DeKalb--Degraded plant condition - excessive plant pest pressure; Noble--Soil Erosion - Sheet, Rill, and Wind; Steuben--Soil Erosion - Concentrated Flow; Wells--Livestock Production limitation - Inadequate Feed and Forage	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
This application will address the eighth-most important local resource priority. (12 Points)	
1. Adams--Water quality degradation – Excessive Sediment in surface waters; Allen--Soil erosion - sheet, rill, and wind; DeKalb--Soil Quality degradation - Compaction; Noble--Air quality impacts - emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs); Steuben--Fish and Wildlife - Habitat Degradation; Wells--Water quality degradation – Excessive Sediment in surface waters	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
This application will address the ninth-most important local resource priority. (9 Points)	
1. Adams--Air quality impacts - Excessive Greenhouse Gases; Allen--Air quality impacts - emissions of particulate matter (PM) and precursors; DeKalb--Water quality degradation - excess pathogens and chemicals from manure, bio-solids, or compost; Noble--Water quality degradation – Excessive Sediment in surface waters; Steuben--Soil Quality degradation - Compaction; Wells--Fish and Wildlife - Habitat Degradation	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
This application will address the tenth-most important local resource priority. (5 Points)	

1. Adams--Fish and Wildlife - Habitat Degradation; Allen--Livestock production limitation - inadequate feed and forage; DeKalb--Air quality impacts - emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs); Noble--Inefficient Energy Use - Farming/Ranching practices and field operations; Steuben--Excess/Insufficient Water - Ponding, Flooding, Seasonal high water table, seeps, drifted snow; Wells--Air quality impacts - emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative: Signature Date:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy: Signature Date:
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