

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Northern Great Plains Native Prairie Habitat Prior

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Northern Great Plains Native Prairie Habitat Prior	Applicant:	
Final Ranking Score:	Address:	
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Healthy Plant & Animal Communities - Wildlife Habitat Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the applicant to:	
1. a. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Address and support one of the following priorities: 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	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Benefit federally listed threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, fish or wildlife species of concern?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. d. Benefit prioritized native habitat critical to a fish or wildlife species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. e. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. f. Eradicate or control prioritized noxious or invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. g. Benefit declining or important aquatic wildlife species prioritized in the State WHIP Plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. h. Implement conservation practices which benefit prioritized fish or wildlife species in forested areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. i. Establish habitat on pivot corners and irregular areas on agricultural land?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. 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)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Conservation Implementation - Additional Ranking Considerations – Will the applicant in the proposed project:	
2. a. Complete habitat development within the first two years of the agreement?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the project involve the restoration and management of native habitats on 100% of the contracted acreage?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the project involve the restoration and management of native habitat on 75% to 99% of the contracted acreage?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will the project involve the restoration and management of native habitat on 50-74% of the contracted acreage?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the project involve the restoration and management of native habitat on <50% of the contracted acreage?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Is the partners contribution to the WHIP project greater than 75% of the contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Is the partners contribution to the WHIP project between 50-74% of the contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Is the partners contribution to the WHIP project between 25-49% of the contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Is the partners contribution to the WHIP project between 0-24% of the contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Will the project address 3 or more of the following functions: fuel reduction in forested lands, water quality, water quantity, flood control, groundwater recharge, and/or soil erosion control?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

10. Will the project address 1-2 of the following functions: fuel reduction in forested lands, water quality, water quantity, flood control, groundwater recharge, and/or erosion control?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Will the project address none of the following functions: fuel reduction in forested lands, water quality, water quantity, flood control, groundwater recharge, and/or erosion control?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. Is the percent of the operating unit under a complimentary program (WRP, EQIP, Partners for Fish and Wildlife, Upland Gamebird Habitat Enhancement Program, etc.) greater than 75%?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. Is the percent of the operating unit under a complimentary program (WRP, EQIP, Partners for Fish and Wildlife, Upland Gamebird Habitat Enhancement Program, etc.) between 25-75%?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. Is the percent of the operating unit under a complimentary program (WRP, EQIP, Partners for Fish and Wildlife, Upland Gamebird Habitat Enhancement Program, etc.) less than 25%?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
15. Will the WHIP contract be located less than one mile from other priority habitat areas that will ecologically enhance the proposed project for fish and/or wildlife resources?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
16. Will the WHIP contract be isolated from other priority habitat areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
17. Will the WHIP contract be located in a designated geographic region or watershed that has 1) an active & coordinated locally led conservation effort, and 2) completed a conservation needs assessment?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
18. Education/Public Awareness: Wildlife habitat restoration involves youth group(s) through the Youth for Wildlife initiative in WHIP?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the project involve the restoration and management of Native Prairie Habitat on the contracted acreage in the Northern Great Plains WHIP Focus Area? ONLY CHECK YES ONCE FOR QUESTIONS 1-4.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the project involve the management of Native Prairie Habitat on the contracted acreage in the Northern Great Plains WHIP Focus Area? ONLY CHECK YES ONCE FOR QUESTIONS 1-4.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will the project involve the restoration and management of Riparian/Instream/Wetland/Woody Draw Habitat on the contracted acreage in the Northern Great Plains WHIP Focus Area? ONLY CHECK YES ONCE FOR QUESTIONS 1-4.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the project involve only the management of Riparian/Instream/Wetland/Woody Draw Habitat on the contracted acreage in the Northern Great Plains WHIP Focus Area? ONLY CHECK YES ONCE FOR QUESTIONS 1-4.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency:
Local Issues:
State Issues:
National Issues:
Final Ranking Score:

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:	Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: