

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Somerset Forestry

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> Somerset Forestry		<b>Applicant:</b>
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>		<b>Address:</b>
<b>Planner:</b>	<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>Farm Location:</b>		

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
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 1 will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the state priority category.	
1. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other state 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"/>
If the application is NOT for a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), answer the following questions as applicable:	
2. Will Practice 666-Forest Stand Improvement or 647-Early Successional Habitat Development be included in the contract? 50 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will Practice 396-Aquatic Organism Passage (aka Fish Passage) be included in the contract? 50 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Are the land units being offered in the application included in a verifiable third-party forest certification system, such as the American Tree Farm System, a Forest Stewardship Council Certified Group, or a Certified Resource manager's client pool? 30 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Answer only one of 5a or 5b:	
5. a. Will this project contribute to conservation objectives of National or Regional Conservation Initiatives: Partners in Flight and/or Northeast Woodcock Initiative, Gulf of Maine Habitat Restoration Strategy, Atlantic Salmon Recovery, Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture? 25 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Does this project lie within or border a designated State Focus Area and address resource concerns identified by MNAP? 25 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Answer only one of 6a, 6b, or 6c: Will this project directly contribute to maintenance, improvement, or restoration of functional habitat corridors as identified on maps (such as the Maine Natural Areas Program Focus Area maps) that potentially:	
6. a. provide a LARGE (landscape scale/multiple watershed linkage scale) linkage affect? 30 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. provide a MEDIUM (single watershed scale) linkage affect? 20 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c. provide a SMALL (township or less) linkage affect? 10 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Answer as applicable for this application:	
7. Animals-Fish and Wildlife-T&E Species: fish and wildlife species listed or proposed for listing under	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Federal ESA not at the QC at the benchmark level, but will be with proposed action? 20 points	
8. Soil Erosion-Streambank erosion is not at the QC at the benchmark condition, but will be with proposed action? 20 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Soil Erosion-Shoreline erosion is not at the QC at the benchmark condition, but will be with proposed action? 20 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Soil Erosion-Road, roadside or construction site erosion is not at the QC at the benchmark condition, but will be with proposed action? 20 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Soil Erosion-Compaction is not at the QC at the benchmark condition, but will be with proposed action? 20 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. Soil Erosion-Damage from soil deposition is not at the QC at the benchmark condition, but will be with proposed action? 20 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. Water Quality-Excessive suspended sediment and turbidity in surface water is not at the benchmark condition, but will be with proposed action? 20 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. Water Quality-Harmful temperatures of surface water is not at the QC at the benchmark condition, but will be with proposed action? 20 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Local Issues 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 1 will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the local priority category	
1. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other local level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section. 250 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
If this application is NOT for a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), answer the following questions as pertinent Answer ONLY ONE of 2a, 2b, or 2c:	
2. a. Proximity to water body within 0-150 feet? 100 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Proximity to water body within 151-300 feet? 80 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Proximity to water body within 301-500 feet? 70 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Plant Condition-is a thinning practice included in this application? 75 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Plant Condition-are practices to address noxious and invasive plants and/or pests included in this application? 75 points	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:
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>

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:

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