

Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Application Ranking Summary
CCPI - Multi State Riparian Buffers**

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: CCPI - Multi State Riparian Buffers		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 CO ₂ (Carbon Dioxide), CH ₄ (Methane), and N ₂ O (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. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) that will adjust application amounts and/or timing of organic/inorganic fertilizers according to soil test?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) that will reduce animal wastes that impact water quality?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) that will mitigate the potential environmental risk of pest management control measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) which will reduce erosion on cropland fields (328, 329, 340, 342, 345, 380, 386, 393, 412, 512, 550, and/or 603)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) that will address saline seeps, recharge areas, and/or saline/sodic soils? (340, 386, 512, 550, 610)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) that will reduce the number of tillage operations? (329, 340, 345, 512, 550)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Will the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) to facilitate grazing distribution?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) that will convert cropland to introduced and/or native vegetation? (512, 550)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Choose only one of the following questions, either 1, 2 or 3.	
1. Does the EQIP application address a Riparian Area Condition that is presently in Poor condition? Meets less than 3 of the attributes to be considered for condition which are: 1) Provides detritus and large woody debris for aquatic and terrestrial organisms, 2) Creates wildlife habitat and establishes wildlife corridors, 3) Reduces excess contaminants in surface and subsurface runoff, 4) Provides sustainable harvestable crops of timber, fiber, forage or fruit (after the EQIP contract is over), 5) Protects against scour erosion within floodplain, 6) Practice restores natural plant communities, 7) Increases carbon storage	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Does the EQIP application address a Riparian Area Condition that is presently in Fair condition? Meets 4-5 of the attributes to be considered for condition which are: 1) Provides detritus and large woody debris for aquatic and terrestrial organisms, 2) Creates wildlife habitat and establishes wildlife corridors,	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

3) Reduces excess contaminants in surface and subsurface runoff, 4) Provides sustainable harvestable crops of timber, fiber, forage or fruit (after the EQIP contract is over), 5) Protects against scour erosion within floodplain, 6) Practice restores natural plant communities, 7) Increases carbon storage	
3. Does the EQIP application address a Riparian Area Condition that is presently in Good condition? Meets at least 6 of the attributes to be considered for condition which are: 1) Provides detritus and large woody debris for aquatic and terrestrial organisms, 2) Creates wildlife habitat and establishes wildlife corridors, 3) Reduces excess contaminants in surface and subsurface runoff, 4) Provides sustainable harvestable crops of timber, fiber, forage or fruit (after the EQIP contract is over), 5) Protects against scour erosion within floodplain, 6) Practice restores natural plant communities, 7) Increases carbon storage	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Choose only one of the following questions, either 4, 5 or 6.	
4. Is the land in the EQIP application location rated High - Riparian buffer will be established in an identified water quality priority area such as a Section 303(d) area or lie within a wellhead protection area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Is the land in the EQIP application location rated Medium - Riparian buffer will be established on land with a erodibility index of 8 or above?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Is the land in the EQIP application location rated Low - Neither of the above from either questions 4 or 5?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Choose only one of the following questions, either 7, 8 or 9.	
7. How does the EQIP application address Animal use? High - Forested riparian buffer will be fenced to prohibit use by livestock and will provide wildlife habitat for either threatened, endangered listed species under the Endangered Species Act	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. How does the EQIP application address Animal use? Medium - Forested riparian buffer will be fenced to prohibit use by livestock and will provide wildlife habitat.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. How does the EQIP application address Animal use? Low - Neither of the above from either questions 7 or 8?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

<p>Efficiency:</p> <p>Local Issues:</p> <p>State Issues:</p> <p>National Issues:</p> <p>Final Ranking Score:</p>

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:

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