



Wetlands Reserve Program FY 2013 RANKING GEORGIA



APPLICANT NAME: _____ **County:** _____

APPLICATION NUMBER: 66-4310-13-_____ **CIRCLE:** Permanent or 30-year

PROPOSED WRP ACREAGE: _____ **Hydric Soils:** _____ **Upland Soils:** _____

A. WAIVERS

Available Points		Score
150	No waivers required	

B. HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED

Available Points		Score
50	Member of a Historically Underserved Group	

C. HYDROLOGY RESTORATION NEED

Determine proportion of offered Wetland/Hydric Soil Acres in each of the following land categories. Exclude Buffer acres in the calculation. **WETLAND/HYDRIC SOIL ACRES:** _____

Proportion (%)	Offered Wetland Acreage	Calculation	Score
	Prior converted (PC)	% * 2.00	
	Farmed Wetland (FW) or Farmed Wetland Pasture (FWP)	% * 1.75	
	Degraded forested wetland	% * 1.50	
	Wetland (W)	% * 1.00	
		OUT OF 200	

D. PERCENT RESTORABLE HYDROLOGY

Available Points	Original Hydrology that is Restorable	Score
175	75% or greater of the altered hydrology is restorable.	
100	50% to 74% of the altered hydrology is restorable.	
50	30% to 49% of the altered hydrology is restorable.	
25	Hydrology intact but hydrophytic vegetation needs restoration	
		OUT OF 175

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E. PROXIMITY TO PROTECTED LANDS

Points will be awarded to properties that are adjacent or near already protected areas, i.e. state-owned lands, federally-owned lands, existing WRP easements, and other permanent easements, whether held by a NGO, state-government, local government, or land trust, wetland mitigation sites, and others.

Available Points	Location Priority	Score
80	Adjacent or adjoining protected property as described above	
50	Within 1 mile of protected property	
25	Within 1 - 5 miles of protected property	
0	Greater than 5 miles from protected property	

F. WILDLIFE HABITAT – THREATENED AND/OR ENDANGERED SPECIES

Points in this category will not be routinely awarded and are only justified when either 1) accompanied by an opinion of a qualified professional wildlife biologist or botanist or 2) verified through T&E GIS data layer.

Available Points	Importance of Habitat to Threatened/Endangered Species	Score
150	Offered acres have known and verified use by FEDERALLY listed Threatened (T) AND/OR Endangered (E) Species.	
75	Potential to provide high quality habitat for T, E, or C species or has state listed species on site.	
0	Project is not likely to support T & E species.	

G. BUFFER AREA – ADJACENT LANDS (≤ 50% OF OFFERED ACREAGE)

Available Points	Percentage of Wetland Portion Protected by Buffer	Score
120	100% of wetland portion is protected by buffer - All Sides	
60	≥75% of wetland portion is protected by buffer - 3 Sides	
40	≥50% of wetland portion is protected by buffer - 2 Sides	
20	≥25% of wetland portion is protected by buffer - 1 Side	
0	Less than 25% is protected by buffer (i.e. no buffer or of the small buffer, it does not surround one full side)	

H. 303 - IMPAIRED WATERSHED

Available Points		Score
40	PROPERTY LOCATED IN A 303 IMPAIRED WATERSHED? Y=40, N=0	

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I. LENGTH OF TIME SINCE LAST TIMBER HARVEST (COMPLETE HARVEST OR THINNING NOT FOR WILDLIE HABITAT MANAGEMENT)

Available Points	Length of Time since last timber harvest	Score
50	>20 years	
25	10-20 years	
0	<5 years	
		OUT OF 50

J. PRIOTIRTY AREA

1. DUKES POND AREA - JENKINS COUNTY
2. SAVANNAH RIVER WRP CORRIDOR – BURKE COUNTY
3. ALONG THE OHOPPEE RIVER
4. ALONG THE OGECHEE RIVER
5. ALONG THE ALTAMAHA RIVER
6. ALONG THE SATILLA RIVER – BRANTLEY COUNTY
7. BOG TURTLE HABITAT

Available Points		Score
80	PROPERTY LOCATED IN NRCS-GEORGIA PRIORITY AREA? Y=80, N=0	

K. DURATION OF WRP EASEMENT

Available Points	Easement Option	Score
150	Permanent Easement	
50	30-year Easement	
0	10-year Restoration Agreement	
		OUT OF 150

L. REDUCTION OF NRCS COST: EASEMENT

Available Points	LANDOWNER WILLING TO TAKE A %AGE OF GARC	Score
80	< 70% of GARC	
70	70% of GARC	
60	80% of GARC	
50	90% of GARC	
0	At GARC	
		OUT OF 80

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M. RESTORATION COST

Available Points	Restoration Cost	Score
120	less than \$100 per acre	
60	\$100 to \$250 per acre	
30	\$250 to \$500 per acre	
0	Greater than \$500 per acre	

N. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Available Points	Easement Operation and Maintenance	Score
40	Minimum or no management required other than normal oversight and clean-up (prescribed burning is minimum maintenance)	
15	Infrequent maintenance required (i.e. repair/replace water control structure)	
0	Frequent maintenance required (i.e. seasonal control of water levels)	

WRP RANKING TEAM SIGNATURES

DATE OF SITE VISIT: _____

NRCS State Office:

PRINTED NAME:

NRCS Ranking Team Member:

PRINTED NAME:

NRCS Local DC:

PRINTED NAME:

NRCS Soil Scientist:

PRINTED NAME:

NRCS Engineer:

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USFWS:

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