

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

**Application Ranking Summary  
GoMI Escambia River - General**

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> GoMI Escambia River - General		<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"/>
<b>Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>	
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"/>
<b>Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer implement conservation practices which:</b>	
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"/>
<b>Clean Air: Treatment of air quality from agricultural sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:</b>	
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"/>
<b>Soil Health: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:</b>	
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"/>
<b>Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:</b>	
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"/>
<b>High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project assist the producer implement practices which:</b>	

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. G -Does the applicant have a conservation plan developed within the past five years? (This can be a Forest Management Plan, CNMP,etc. developed by NRCS, Conservation Districts, consultant or Technical Service Provider)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. G - Answer YES if applicant has NEVER had an EQIP contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. FW1 - Are Timber Stand Improvement practices planned on half of the offered woodland acres that need treatment? The following practices are required to receive points for this question: Hardwood crop tree release, Understory release in mid-rotation forest stands (pine or hardwood), and Precommercial thinning in dense, stagnant young pine stands. If the answer to this question is yes, answer to questions FW2, FW3, FW6 FW7 and FW8 must be NO.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. FW2 - Are longleaf pine or hardwood seedling planting or silvopasture establishment planned on half the offered acres that need treatment? If the answer to this question is yes, answer to questions FW1, FW3, FW6, FW7 and FW8 must be NO.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. FW3 - Is early successional habitat management planned or riparian forest buffer (of any size) planned that directly benefit streams with known T & E Species (please consult T&E Species maps)? If the answer to this question is yes, answer to questions FW1, FW2, FW6, FW7 and FW8 must be NO.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. FW4 - Is prescribed fire planned on property on a 2 or 3 year rotation on half of the offered woodland acres that need treatment?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. FW5 - Is applicant applying for tree planting, where he/she had lost their newly planned trees during recent exceptional droughts and/or other natural disasters?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. FW6 - Are low density loblolly or shortleaf pine seedling planting planned on half of the offered acres that need treatment? If the answer to this question is yes, answer to questions FW1, FW2, FW3, FW7 and FW8 must be NO	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. FW7 - Is chemical release needed and planned on at least half of the offered acres?If the answer to this question is yes, answer to questions FW1, FW2, FW3, FW6 and FW8 must be NO	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. FW8 - Is prescribed fire planned on property on a 2 or 3 year rotation on half of the offered woodland acres that need treatment and has a thinning operation taken place on the offered acres within the last 3 years? If the answer to this question is yes, answer to questions FW1, FW2, FW3, FW6 ad FW7 must be NO	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. GL1 - Is the applicant willing to implement a prescribed grazing system where pastures are allowed to rest at least 80% of the grazig cycle on more than half of all the offered acres? Example: Five pasture grazing	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

system. Full grazing cycle is 50 days with a maximum of 10 consecutive days on each pasture. Pastures are resting 40 consecutive days. If the answer to this question is yes, answer to questions GL2 and GL3 must be NO	
12. GL2 - Is the applicant willing to implement a prescribed grazing system where pastures are allowed to rest at least 75% of the grazing cycle on more than half of all the offered acres? Example: Four pasture grazing system. Full grazing cycle is 56 days with a maximum of 14 consecutive days on each pasture. Pastures are resting 42 consecutive days before grazing begins. If the answer to this question is yes, answer to questions GL1 and GL3 must be NO	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. GL3 - Is the applicant willing to implement a prescribed grazing system where pastures are allowed to rest at least 66% of the grazing cycle on more than half of all the offered acres? Example: Three pasture grazing system. Full grazing cycle is 42 days with a maximum of 14 consecutive days on each pasture. Pastures are resting 27 consecutive days before grazing begins. If the answer to this question is yes, answer to questions GL1 and GL2 must be NO	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. GL4 - Is the applicant willing to establish and maintain at least twenty acres of native warm season grasses as part of a prescribed grazing system? Grasses include switchgrass, eastern gamagrass, big bluestem, little bluestem, or indiagrass.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
15. GL5 - Is the applicant willing to establish perennial legumes into perennial grass pasture land or hayland to improve forage quality, supplying nitrogen and promoting energy conservation? If legumes exist, to qualify, the stand of perennial legumes must not exceed 25% uniform coverage.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
16. GL6 - Has applicant attended a Grazing School sponsored by a Cooperative Extension, University, or Cattlemen's Association in Florida or other states?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
17. GL7 - Is applicant needing to replant perennial grasses and/or develop water facilities as a result of damage or loss of water source resulting from the recent exceptional droughts?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
18. GL8 - Is applicant willing to treat critically eroding areas in the offered fields in pasture, hayland and silvopasture? All critically eroding areas in the offered fields must be properly treated.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
19. GL9 - Is applicant willing to install seep/spring development(s), pumping plants or pond(s) for livestock water to facilitate prescribed grazing? If this water source is chosen, then other water sources should receive a "NO" answer.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
20. GL10 - Is applicant willing to install well and/or pipeline and trough(s) for livestock water to facilitate prescribed grazing? If this water source is chosen, then other water sources should receive a "NO" answer.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
21. GL 11- Is applicant willing to establish heavy use area protection (HUA) for areas that have been damaged by livestock or establish animal trails, walkways, streams or access roads? Examples: existing watering facilities, streams without HUA, whether trough or pond, or static feeding areas. Livestock will fenced from pond(s) except at site of HUA livestock entrance. Constructed fencing will result in at least 2 grazing zones giving forages rest for regrowth. This should not be used for maintenance of existing fences or HUA's.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
22. SQ1 - Will all Class III, IV, V, VII or VIII croplad be converted to permanent cover (grass or trees)? Conversion must be on more than half of all offered acres. If the answer to this question is yes, answer to questions SQ2, SQ3, and SQ4 must be NO	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
23. SQ2 - Will the applicant establish perennial grasses in rotation on the land that is offered in this application? If the answer to this question is yes, answer to questions SQ1, SQ3, and SQ4 must be NO	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
24. SQ3 - The applicant will adopt Mulch Tillage -345 (which requires a cover crop) from a conventional system that they are current performing or increase the level of Mulch Tillage that they currently have been achieving. If the answer to this question is yes, answer to questions SQ1, SQ2, and SQ4 must be NO	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
25. SQ4 -The applicant will adopt Conservation Tillage - 329 at a higher level tha they are currently performing or increase conservation from Mulch Tillage to Conservation Tillage. If the answer to this question is yes, answer to questions SQ1, SQ2, and SQ43 must be NO	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
26. SQ5 - Is applicant willing to use legumes included in the cover crop in a conservation tillage system on more than half of all the offered acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
27. SQ6 - Is ephemeral gully erosion or a classical (caving type) gully or critically eroding areas present in or near the field and is applicant willing to install practices necessary to treat the erosion and reduce off-site damages? This question can apply to any land use.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
28. SQ7 - Is applicant willing to adopt precision agriculture technology for nutrients at level 1? If the answer to this question is yes, answer to SQ8 must be NO	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
29. SQ8 - Is applicant willing to adopt precision agriculture technology for nutrients at level 2? If the answer to this question is yes, answer to SQ7 must be NO	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

30. SQ9 - Is applicant willing to adopt precision agriculture technology for pesticides at level 1? If the answer to this question is yes, answer to SQ10 must be NO	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
31. SQ10 - Is applicant willing to adopt precision agriculture technology for pesticides at level 2? If the answer to this question is yes, answer to SQ9 must be NO	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
32. SQ10 - Is applicant willing to adopt precision agriculture technology for both nutrients and pesticides at level 2?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
33. Cogangrass present and applicant wishes to control? If the answer to this question is yes, then answer to the other invasive species plant questions is NO.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
34. Is Japanese Climbing Fern or Multiflora Rose present and the applicant wishes to control? If the answer to this question is yes, then answer to the other invasive species plant questions is NO.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
35. Is Kudzu, McCartney Rose, Cherokee Rose or Chinese Tallow Tree present and the applicant wishes to control? If the answer to this question is yes, then answer to the other invasive species plant questions is NO.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
36. Is the infestation by all eligible species 10% or less of the management tract, field, or area? If the answer to this question is yes, the answer to 42 is NO.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
37. Is the infestation by all eligible species greater than 10% but less than 50% of the management tract, field, or area? If the answer to this question is yes, the answer to 41 is NO.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
38. Are adjacent tracts, field or areas free from known infestations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
39. In areas where eligible invasive species will be controlled, is applicant willing to establish native grasses on the treated area to protect it from erosion?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
40. Is the land being treated adjacent to Federal, State, or County land where cogangrass is being treated?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
41. Is the majority of land being offered in the watershed of the stream that is on the 303d list due to pollution from agricultural or grazing lands or on the TMDL stream list?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
42. Are the offered acres within 5 miles upstream of a stream segment designated by USFWS as habitat for aquatic T & E Species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Local Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will you be utilizing all 5 of these practices in your contract precision ag, residue management, livestock access control, streambank stabilization, and buffer or filter strips to address resource concerns on your land (If you answer "Yes" to this question then the answer to question 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 will be "NO").	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will you be utilizing 4 of these 5 practices in your contract precision ag, residue management, livestock access control, streambank stabilization, and buffer or filter strips to address resource concerns on your land (If you answer "Yes" to this question then the answer to question 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 will be "NO").	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will you be utilizing 3 of these 5 practices in your contract precision ag, residue management, livestock access control, streambank stabilization, and buffer or filter strips to address resource concerns on your land (If you answer "Yes" to this question then the answer to question 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 will be "NO").	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will you be utilizing 2 of these 5 practices in your contract precision ag, residue management, livestock access control, streambank stabilization, and buffer or filter strips to address resource concerns on your land (If you answer "Yes" to this question then the answer to question 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 will be "NO").	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will you be utilizing all 3 of these practices in your contract brush management, herbaceous weed control for invasive species control, critical area planting, or gully control to address resource concerns on your land (If you answer "Yes" to this question then the answer to question 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 will be "NO").	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will you be utilizing 2 of these 3 practices in your contract brush management, herbaceous weed control for invasive species control, critical area planting, or gully control to address resource concerns on your land (If you answer "Yes" to this question then the answer to question 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 will be "NO").	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Land Use:**

<b>Resource Concerns</b>	<b>Practices</b>
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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:**

**Signature Date:**

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

**Signature Date:**