

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

**Application Ranking Summary**

**Suwannee - Grazing Land**

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> Suwannee - Grazing Land		<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. Is the offered acreage located within the one of the sub-basins of the Suwannee River Watershed; Upper Suwannee, Alapaha, and/or Santa Fe Sub-Basin?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
PLANT & ANIMAL HEALTH - Will the funding of this contract:	
1. Result in assisting with At Risk or T&E Species &/or Early Successional Habitat Development/Mgt (647) with the application of the following practices: Prescribed Burning (338), Brush Management (314)(roller chopping) and/or Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Result in assisting with Rotational Grazing System (INCLUDES ALL GRAZING LIVESTOCK, MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF 3 PASTURES PER HERD)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Result in the reduction of invasive species (species listed on the Category I List of the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council List ( <a href="http://www.fleppc.org/list/List-WW-F09-final.pdf">http://www.fleppc.org/list/List-WW-F09-final.pdf</a> ))? SPECIES LISTED MUST HAVE INFESTATION RATE OVER 5%.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
SOIL EROSION - Will the funding of this contract:	
1. Result in reduction of soil loss to "T" or address High Leach Soils? (CONTRACTED ACREAGE MUST CONSIST OF GREATER THAN 50% HIGH LEACH SOILS)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
WATER QUALITY - Will the funding of this contract:	
1. Result in the treatment of an area that is less than or equal to 300 feet from a sensitive area such as streams, wetlands, etc.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Offset laws &/or regulations imposed on the operation? IF OPERATION IS ALREADY CITED, CAN NOT RECEIVE COST SHARE TO IMPLEMENT CORRECTIVE ACTIONS.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Reduce sediment, nutrient, and/or pesticides on field(s) located in an impaired watershed 303(d), TMDL, or has karsts features or in high aquifer recharge area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
CONSERVATION PLAN	
1. Does the applicant have a Conservation Plan, that meets the requirement outlined in the FL-CPA-30 for the Conservation Management Unit (CMU) by the end of the batching period (November 16, 2012)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. IF QUESTION #1 IS "YES", Has the applicant completed greater than 50 percent of the practices within the Conservation Plan? If Question #1 is "NO", then answer "NO".	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS	

1. Will the leverage of non-federal funding be utilized to implement this contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Has the applicant ever cancelled/terminated an EQIP contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Local Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
<b>SOIL EROSION</b>	
1. Will soil erosion be reduced to "T" or below through permanent practices (See Approved List) by the funding of this contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Does acreage offered contain 33% or more of PHEL/HEL soils?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>WATER QUALITY</b>	
1. Are there at least 60% medium or high leach/run soils withn the treatment area by the funding of this contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will Nutrient (590) be applied according to NRCS standards within the treatment area by the funding of this contact?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will livestock be excluded from sensitive areas, such as wetlands or sinkhole areas, by permanent fence constructed by NRCS Standards and Specifications?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>PLANT &amp; ANIMAL HEALTH</b>	
1. Is applicant willing to plant legumes (512) in at least 1/3 of the grazing acreage or a minimum of 1 grazing field and manage it per NRCS Standards and Specifications? (Legumes planted must be NRCS -approved species for this area.)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will installed practices on contracted acreage result in a minimum score of 0.50 on the Wildlife Habitat Suitablility Index?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>PLANT &amp; ANIMAL HEALTH - Will Livestock System include one or more of the following practices installed per NRCS Standards and Specification: Watering Facility (614), Cross Fencing (382), and/or Prescribed Grazing (328). Answer "YES" to only one question and "NO" to the either all the questions or the remaining two.</b>	
1. Only one practice installed?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Two practices installed?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. All three practices installed?	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 Contract Development unless required by State policy:</b>
<b>Signature Date:</b>	<b>Signature Date:</b>