



Ranking Pool Report

Ranking Pool: FY 2023 WRE Ranking

Program: ACEP-WRE

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States: NY (Admin)

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Land Uses and Modifiers

Land Use	Grazed	Wildlife	Irrigated	Hayed	Drained	Organic	Water Feature	Protected	Urban	Aquaculture
Crop	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Forest	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Pasture	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Associated Ag Land	--	--	--	--	N/A	--	--	--	--	--

Resource Concern Categories

Categories			
Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Aquatic habitat	10	10	80
Degraded plant condition	0	10	70
Long term protection of land	10	30	80
Source water depletion	0	5	70
Terrestrial habitat	10	45	80

Aquatic habitat			
Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Aquatic habitat for fish and other organisms	50	65	100
Elevated water temperature	0	35	50

Degraded plant condition			
Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Plant productivity and health	0	50	100
Plant structure and composition	0	50	100

Long term protection of land

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Loss of functions and values	85	100	100
Threat of conversion	0	--	15

Source water depletion

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Groundwater depletion	25	50	60
Surface water depletion	40	50	75

Terrestrial habitat

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Terrestrial habitat for wildlife and invertebrates	100	100	100

Practices


Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Type
Brush Management	314	Conservation Practices
Herbaceous Weed Treatment	315	Conservation Practices
Conservation Cover	327	Conservation Practices
Cover Crop	340	Conservation Practices
Critical Area Planting	342	Conservation Practices
Dike and Levee	356	Conservation Practices
Fence	382	Conservation Practices
Riparian Herbaceous Cover	390	Conservation Practices
Riparian Forest Buffer	391	Conservation Practices
Stream Habitat Improvement and Management	395	Conservation Practices
Mulching	484	Conservation Practices
Tree/Shrub Site Preparation	490	Conservation Practices
Obstruction Removal	500	Conservation Practices
Streambank and Shoreline Protection	580	Conservation Practices
Structure for Water Control	587	Conservation Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Type
Tree/Shrub Establishment	612	Conservation Practices
Early Successional Habitat Development-Mgt	647	Conservation Practices
Structures for Wildlife	649	Conservation Practices
Wetland Restoration	657	Conservation Practices
Forest Stand Improvement	666	Conservation Practices
Acquisition Process - Appraisal	LTAPA	Easements
Acquisition Process - Appraisal Update	LTAPAU	Easements
Acquisition Process - Boundary Survey	LTAPBS	Easements
Acquisition Process - Closing Services	LTAPCS	Easements
Acquisition Process - Environmental Database Records Search	LTAPERS	Easements
Acquisition Process - Full Phase I	LTAPFP1	Easements
Acquisition Process - Ingress Egress	LTAPIE	Easements
Acquisition Process - Appraisal Technical Review First Review	LTAPTR1	Easements
Acquisition Process - Appraisal Technical Review Second Review	LTAPTR2	Easements
Acquisition Process - Title Search	LTAPTS	Easements
Long-Term Protection of Land - 30-Year Contract	LTP30YC	Easements
Long-Term Protection of Land - 30-Year Easement	LTP30YE	Easements
Long-Term Protection of Land - Permanent Easement	LTPPE	Easements

Ranking Weights

Factors	Algorithm	Allowable Min	Default	Allowable Max
Vulnerabilities	Default	10	10	50
Planned Practice Effects	Default	5	5	20
Resource Priorities	Default	20	55	70
Program Priorities	Default	15	30	30
Efficiencies	Default	0	0	0

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 An asterisk will be displayed to show that it is a conditional section or conditional question.

Survey: Applicability Questions

Section: Applicability Question		
Question	Answer Choices	Points

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Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is this a WRE application for a Permanent or 30 yr. Easement, or a 30 yr. Contract?	YES	--
	NO	--

Survey: Category Questions

Section: Category Question

Question	Answer Choices	Points
The site is located in New York State	YES	--
	NO	--

Survey: Program Questions

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Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the landowner willing to accept less than the GARC rate for his/her proposed easement area? Or the landowner is willing to donate a percentage of eligible land to be included within the proposed easement. The purpose is to obtain a higher-ranking score.	Landowner accepts >25% less than GARC or donates >25% of eligible land	10
	Landowner accepts between 10% and 24% less than GARC or donates between 10% and 24% of eligible land	5
	Landowner will not accept a GARC reduction	0
Will the landowner include a buffer around the eligible area?	Vegetative buffer encompasses all sides of **eligible area and is greater than or equal to 350 feet and less than or equal to 450 feet, providing habitat benefits and/or filtering of nutrient and soil runoff from adjacent crop lands.	50
	Vegetative buffer encompasses all sides of **eligible area and is greater than or equal to 250 feet and less than 350 feet, providing habitat benefits and/or filtering of nutrient and soil runoff from adjacent crop lands.	35
	Vegetative buffer encompasses all sides of **eligible area and is greater than or equal to 150 feet and less than 250 feet, providing habitat benefits and/or filtering of nutrient and soil runoff from adjacent crop lands.	25
	Vegetative buffer encompasses all sides of **eligible area and is greater than or equal to 50 feet and less than 150 feet, providing habitat benefits and/or filtering of nutrient and soil runoff from adjacent crop lands.	10
	There is no vegetative buffer between the **eligible area and nonparticipating land, or the buffer encompassing all sides of entire eligible is less than 50 feet	0

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Does the eligible land have an agricultural history or is enrolled in CRP and meets the required criteria?	Presently Cultivated Cropland	30
	Presently used as Agricultural Land (grazing, haying etc.) or 95% is mowed and the cutting is left, or it meets the definition of FW or FWP.	20
	Land Is enrolled CRP and meets one of two criteria, (1) currently enrolled in CRP in a contract that is set to expire within 1 year from the date of application (2) land under a CRP contract that is in transition to a covered farmer or rancher pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 3835(f) and such land is farmed wetland and adjoining land that has the highest wetland functions and values and is likely to return to production after the land leaves CRP	15
	Agricultural Land Previously Used in Past 5 years	15
	Agricultural Land Previously Used in Past 10 years	10
	Agricultural Land Previously Used greater than 10 years	5
Will the landowner or partner reduce the federal restoration cost through a cash or in-kind contribution?	Federal restoration costs reduced by greater than or equal to 25%	10
	Federal restoration costs reduced by greater than 10 % less than 25%	7
	There is no Federal restoration cost reduction	5
Would the restoration project require excessive permitting?	(Covered by) Project will be implemented under Nationwide 27 or NY DEC General Permit.	30
	Site requires individual permit from either USACOE or NYSDEC	10
Cost Benefit assessment - Estimated Easement Restoration Cost	Easement restoration cost benefit (see easement calculator sheet) <2	20
	Easement restoration cost benefit (see easement calculator sheet) greater than 2 less than or equal to 4	15
	Easement restoration cost benefit (see easement calculator sheet) greater than 4	10
Easement Duration	Permanent	10
	30 year or 30-year contract	5
Easement Boundary Configuration	Easement Boundary configuration consists of 6 or less corner pins	20
	Easement Boundary configuration is delineated in part by features such as a stream or road that do not make the boundary overly complicated.	20
	Easement Boundary configuration consists of 7 to 10 corner pins	10
	Easement Boundary configuration consists of more than 10 corner pins	5

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Cost Benefit assessment - Easement Purchase Price (GARC Cost/Acre)	Easement purchase cost benefit (see easement calculator sheet) <3	20
	Easement purchase cost benefit (see easement calculator sheet) greater than 3 less than or equal to 6	15
	Easement purchase cost benefit (see easement calculator sheet) >6	10

Survey: Resource Questions

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Will the site protect Federally, or State listed T or E Species and/or restore up to four wetland habitat types?	Federally listed wetland dependent endangered or threatened species, or is adjacent property within 300 meters of an identified Bog Turtle site (and habitat exists on site)	65
	NY State listed endangered or threatened species or species of concern, or State listed natural communities or NRCS target species	55
	Habitat Diversity 4+ and at least one identified threatened or endangered species site	50
	Habitat Diversity 3+ and at least one identified threatened or endangered species site	45
	Habitat Diversity = 4 wetland types	40
	Habitat Diversity = 3 wetland types	35
	Habitat Diversity = 2 wetland types	30
	Habitat Diversity = 1 wetland type	25
What is the percentage of restorable wetland acres?	Easements Larger than 10 acres: 75-100 percent of the "Eligible - Restorable" wetland acreage (NY-WRE-2) suited to hydrology and topography restoration with planned practices.	35

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	Easements Larger than 10 acres: 50-74 percent of the Eligible - Restorable wetland acreage (NY-WRE-2) suited to hydrology and topography restoration with planned practices.	30
	Easements Larger than 10 acres: 25-49 percent of the Eligible - Restorable wetland acreage (NY-WRE-2) suited to hydrology and topography restoration with planned practices.	20
	Easements Larger than 10 acres: Less than 25 percent of the Eligible - Restorable wetland acreage (NY-WRE-2) suited to hydrology and topography restoration with planned practices.	10
	Easements Less than 10 acres: 75-100 percent of the Eligible - Restorable wetland acreage (NY-WRE-2) suited to hydrology and topography restoration with planned practices; AND at least one of the following: 1) easement restores habitat for a T and E Species, 2) easement is within one mile of a National Wildlife Refuge, State Wildlife Management Area with wetland habitat, or WRE easement, or 3) easement is contiguous with a permanently flooded wetland or a perennial stream that flows downstream to a permanently flooded wetland.	35
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	Easements Less than 10 acres: Easement is 5-10 acres and 50-100% of the Eligible - Restorable wetland acreage (NY-WRE-2) suited to hydrology and topography restoration with planned practices.	10
	Easements Less than 10 acres: Easement < 5 acres and 50-100% of the Eligible - Restorable wetland acreage (NY-WRE-2) suited to hydrology and topography restoration with planned practices.	5
	Other	0
What is the significance of the site relative to NYS designated priority areas or location factors?	Restoration site is within a North American Waterfowl Mgt. Plan focus area NY Ecoregions - 84a, 84c, 83a, 83b, 83c, 83d, 83e, 67k, 67j, 60d, 59g.	35
	Restoration site includes any four (4) of the above Location Factors	30
	Restoration site includes any three (3) of the above Location Factors	20
	Restoration site includes any one to two (1-2) of the above Location Factors	10
What is the slope of the restorable land?	Less than or equal to 1%	20
	Greater than 1% less than or equal to 2%	15
	Greater than 2% less than or equal to 3%	5
	Greater than 3%	0
How many acres will be placed under a WRE easement (total includes match acres)?	Greater than 100 acres	20
	Greater than 50 acres less or equal to 100 acres	15
	Greater than 25 acres less or equal to 50 acres	10
	Greater than 10 acres less or equal to 25 acres	8
	Less than equal to 10 acres	5
Has the land offered for a WRE easement been previously restored under other restoration programs or a 30 yr WRP/WRE easement/EQIP wetland restoration?	Land being offered for a permanent easement was previously restored under a WRP RCSA or EQIP Wetland Restoration	10
	Land being offered for a permanent easement was previously restored under a WRP 30 Year Easement	10
	Land being offered for a Permanent Easement was previously restored by another Entity, such as USFWS Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program	5
	Land being offered for a 30 Year Easement was previously restored under a WRP RCSA or EQIP Wetland Restoration	2
	Land being offered has not been previously restored under other restoration programs	0

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Benefit of including adjacent land	Inclusion of adjacent land will provide habitat for Federally listed threatened or endangered species	15
	Inclusion of adjacent land will benefit State listed threatened or endangered species or species of greatest resource concern.	13
	Inclusion of adjacent land will benefit one or more of the following, (1) Easement hydrology (2) Water quality provides buffer between eligible wetland area and active crop fields (3) Enhanced habitat value of the proposed easement	10
	Inclusion of adjacent land will benefit other targeted species such as identified Species of Greatest Conservation Need.	8