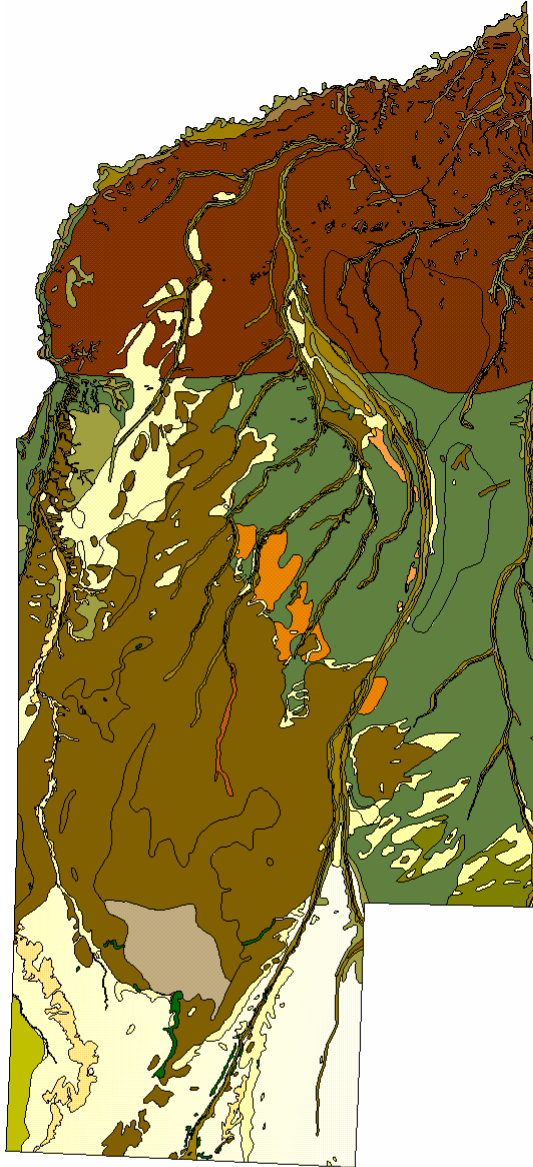


Appendix A
**Agricultural Land Easement – Grassland of Special Environmental Significance (ACEP-
ALE-GSS) Supplemental Prioritization Tool – FY 2023**

Priority Factors	Points	Score
A) Risk of Conversion – Plant Community Area (see Nebraska Plant Community Landscape Map)		
1) Upland Tallgrass Prairie, Lowland Tallgrass Prairie	20	
2) Loess Mixed Grass Prairie, Sandhills Border Mixed Grass Prairie, Gravelly Mixed Grass Prairie	15	
3) Mosaic Mixed Grass Prairie / Shortgrass Prairie, Shale Mixed Grass Prairie, Sandsage Mixed Grass Prairie	10	
4) Sandhills Mixed Grass Prairie	5	
5) All other locations	0	
B) Cropping History		
1) No crop history 100 % of application area and has a mixed stand of native grasses and forbs	10	
2) Less than 25% of the application area having cropping history and has a mixed stand of native grasses and forbs	7	
3) Greater than 25.1 % but less than 50% of the application area having cropping history and has a mixed stand of native grasses and forbs	2	
4) Application area has a cropping history of greater than 50.1%	0	
C) Grazing Operation Status for Livestock Production		
1) Application area is currently used for grazing only or hayed no more than once per year	20	
2) Application area is currently used for grazing and haying more than once per year	10	
3) Application area does not meet the any of the above conditions	0	
D) Location Significance to Protected Sites of at least 40 acres in size		
1) Offer within 1 mile from permanently protected grassland site (includes public land, WRP permanent easements, and other land with permanent grassland protection) that is at least 40 acres in size Enter location of protected site _____	15	
2) All other locations	0	
E) Biodiversity		
1) Site has a documented presence of threatened or endangered species.	10	
2) Site does not have documented presence of threatened or endangered species.	0	
F) Enter Points in to ACEP-ALE Prioritization Tool for GSS.	Total Possible Points	
	75	

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Supplemental Ranking Worksheet

Nebraska Plant Community Landscape Map



- Vegetation**
- Salt Marshes and Flats - Northern Platte
 - Salt Marshes and Flats - Central Platte
 - Salt Marshes and Flats - Salt Creek
 - Salt Marsh in Loess Mixed-grass Prairie
 - Salt Marsh in Sand Hills Mixed-grass
 - Salt Marsh in Mixed-grass Prairie
 - Ponderosa Pine Forests and Savannas
 - Riparian Deciduous Forests
 - Upland Tallgrass Prairie
 - Lowland Tallgrass Prairie
 - Loess Mixed-grass Prairie
 - Sand Hills Mixed-grass Prairie
 - Sandsage Mixed-grass Prairie
 - Sand Hills Border Mixed-grass Prairie
 - Gravelly Mixed-grass Prairie
 - Shale Mixed-grass Prairie
 - Mosaic of Mixed-grass/Shortgrass Prairie
 - Really darker brown - unknown veg type
 - Red Cedar over Mosaic of Mixed-grass/Shortgrass Prairie
 - Red Cedar over Sand Hills Mixed-grass Prairie
 - Red Cedar over Loess Mixed-grass Prairie
 - Red Cedar over Sandsage Mixed-grass Prairie