



Pennsylvania NRCS Wetland Reserve Easement Program (ACEP-WRE) Ranking Scoring Worksheet

October 19, 2021

Landowner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Fiscal Year: \_\_\_\_\_
Interdisciplinary Team Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Tract: \_\_\_\_\_ FINAL RANKING SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_

State Biologist Review/Concurrence: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Form with sections: PART I - Environmental Benefit Considerations (70 Max. Points), HABITAT (30 Max. Pts.), RESTORATION OF HYDROLOGY (100 Max. Points). Includes sub-sections like Proximity to designated local, state, or federal wildlife habitat, Proximity and connectivity to permanently protected areas, Proximity to existing wetlands, streams, or surface waters, Threatened, Endangered, and Special Concern Species, Aquatic Life Use, and Hydric Soils.

PART I - Total Points



<b>PART II - Economic Considerations</b>		
<b>9. Total Easement Restoration Cost</b>		<b>80 Max. Points</b>
a. Total restoration cost is < 50% of the total easement value	10	<input type="text"/>
b. Total restoration cost is between 50 - 80% of the total easement value	5	<input type="text"/>
c. Total restoration cost is ≥ 80% of the total easement value	0	<input type="text"/>
	subtotal	<input type="text"/>
<b>10. Noxious or Invasive Species</b>		
a. <20% of the vegetation in the total easement area is noxious and/or invasive	10	<input type="text"/>
b. 21-50% of the vegetation in the total easement area is noxious and/or invasive	5	<input type="text"/>
c. >50% of the vegetation in the total easement area is noxious and/or invasive	0	<input type="text"/>
	subtotal	<input type="text"/>
<b>11. Operation and Maintenance costs (select one)</b>		
a. Offered acreage/Planned restoration requires no embankments or mechanical structures (piping, water control boxes, etc.)	10	<input type="text"/>
b. Offered acreage/planned restoration requires an embankment	5	<input type="text"/>
c. Offered acreage/Planned restoration requires mechanical structures (piping, water control boxes, etc.)	0	<input type="text"/>
	subtotal	<input type="text"/>
<b>12. Permitting</b>		
a. The planned restoration does not require a permit	20	<input type="text"/>
<i>(zero points if a permit will be required)</i>	subtotal	<input type="text"/>
<b>13. Type of Proposed Easement</b>		
a. Permanent Easement	20	<input type="text"/>
<i>(zero points for 30-year easement)</i>	subtotal	<input type="text"/>
<b>14. Total easement enrollment size</b>		
a. Proposed enrollment is 50 acres or larger	10	<input type="text"/>
b. Proposed enrollment is 20-49 acres	5	<input type="text"/>
c. Proposed enrollment is 10-24 acres	2	<input type="text"/>
<i>(zero points if less than 10 acres)</i>	subtotal	<input type="text"/>
<b>15. Is the applicant a covered producer participating in the CRP Transition Incentives Program (CRP-TIP) and NRCS is evaluating the assessment during the two-year period covered by the CRP-1R? OR Land that is currently enrolled in CRP in a contract that is set to expire within 1 year from the application date OR 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 highest wetland functions and values and is likely to return to production after the land leaves CRP.</b>		
a. Yes	5	<input type="text"/>
b. No	0	<input type="text"/>
	subtotal	<input type="text"/>
<b>PART II - Total Points</b>		<input type="text"/>

<b>PART III - Easement Offer Configuration</b>		
<b>16. Purpose of Enrollment Offer Adjacent Acreage (select all that apply)</b>		<b>45 Max. Points</b>
a. Adjacent acres directly benefit the hydrology of the restoration area	10	<input type="text"/>
b. Adjacent acres directly benefit T&E species within the restoration area	7	<input type="text"/>
c. Adjacent acres connect offer of enrollment to a permanently protected area (such as those listed in question #2)	4	<input type="text"/>
d. Adjacent acres create a simpler, more manageable easement boundary	4	<input type="text"/>
<i>(zero points if none apply)</i>	subtotal	<input type="text"/>
<b>17. Easement Offer Boundary (select one option that best fits the easement offer)</b>		
a. Easement offer boundary is simple with few corners, angles and turns, creating an easily managed polygon	10	<input type="text"/>
b. Easement offer boundary is moderately simple with minimal corners, angles and turns, creating a moderate to manage polygon	5	<input type="text"/>
c. Easement offer boundary is complicated with multiple corners, angles and turns creating a difficult to manage polygon	0	<input type="text"/>
	subtotal	<input type="text"/>
<b>18. Easement Offer Parcel (select one option that best fits the easement offer)</b>		
a. Easement offer parcel is one contiguous block of land with <u>no</u> right-of-ways	10	<input type="text"/>
b. Easement offer parcel is one contiguous block of land with right-of-ways	5	<input type="text"/>
c. Easement offer parcel is divided by non-eligible acreage, right-of-ways, non-eligible CRP, or other area not controlled by landowner	2	<input type="text"/>
d. Easement offer parcel is manipulated by landowner, is cut-up, divided among eligible acreage, or separated by cut-outs or in-holdings	0	<input type="text"/>
	subtotal	<input type="text"/>
<b>PART III - Total Points</b>		<input type="text"/>

<b>PART IV - ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA SCORE</b>		
<b>19. Eligible Acres Contain: (select all that apply based on the Interdisciplinary Team Report)</b>		<b>70 Max. Points</b>
a. Prior Converted (PC) hydric soil acres	___ 25	e. Wetland (W) farmed under natural conditions hydric soil ac. ___ 5
b. Farmed Wetland (FW) hydric soil acres	___ 15	f. Degraded wetlands (which will be restored) ___ 5
c. Farmed Wetland Pasture (FWP) hydric soil ac.	___ 10	g. Riparian Links (<300' with photo documentation) ___ 5
d. Eligible CRP/CREP	___ 5	<b>PART IV - Total Points</b> <input type="text"/>

<input type="text"/>	<b>Total Ranking Score:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Employee Signature</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>(Maximum Points = 400)</b>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
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