Ranking Criteria – EWPP-FPF

Directions and Guidance to update local ranking criteria for the fund pool. The maximum ranking points is 400. These criteria will be used to create the Program Priorities in CART.

- Applicability determines if the ranking pool is applicable – it can only be one question, no points.
- Category further sorts applications – it can only be one question, no points.
- Program Questions are for program or policy priorities – positive and negative points allowed.
- Ranking Questions are for resource priorities – positive and negative points allowed.

Note: Only one condition can be applied per questions or land use (AKA – you cannot have multiple answers as a condition).

All fields shown here are required in CART, minus the condition and hover text for answers.

APPLICABILITY (one sorting question, no points)

APPLICABILITY	**Question Text: Does at least one PLU in the project area intersect the GLRI Priority Watersheds layer by 50% or greater?**	
	CONDITION:	
	☒Text Question ☒Geospatial Question (If it is geospatial, do we have the data? ☐Yes ☒No)	
	☐Require Answer ☐Multiple Answer	
	☐ Further limit based on a land use or modifier (if yes, please elaborate in CONDITION section)	
	HOVER TEXT: *The landowner submitted a complete application (AD-1153) by March 15, 2024 for the EWPP-FPE program.*	
	Boolean:	
	a. Yes	[No Points for Applicability Questions]
	b. No	[No Points for Applicability Questions]

CATEGORY (one sorting question, no points)

CATEGORY	**Question Text: Does at least one PLU in the project area intersect the GLRI Priority Watershed layer by 50% or greater?**	
	CONDITION: (optional – can be on a question answer or a land use or modifier)	
	☐Text Question ☒Geospatial Question (If it is geospatial, do we have the data? ☐Yes ☒No)	
	☐Require Answer ☐Multiple Answer	
	☐ Further limit based on a land use or modifier (if yes, please elaborate in CONDITION section)	
	HOVER TEXT: *The landowner has provided a copy of the property deed, a completed 1199A Direct Deposit form and has indicated what portion of the property they want to enroll. For entities they need to submit a 901 or 902.*	
	Choices Group Name:	
	a. Yes	[No Points for Category Questions]
	b. No	[No Points for Category Questions]

Program Points – 200 points required (100 points from Q1 and Q2 at 50 points each)

1	**Question Text: Is 100% of the proposed easement area within a GLRI phosphorus priority watershed (Initiative_GLRI_HUC12_Phosphorus_Priority)?**

CONDITION: [Applicability question was answered "Yes"]	
☒Text Question ☒Geospatial Question (If it is geospatial, do we have the data? ☐Yes ☒No)	
☒Require Answer ☐Multiple Answer	
☐ Further limit based on a land use or modifier (if yes, please elaborate in the CONDITION section)	
HOVER TEXT:	
Possible Answers	
a. Yes	50
b. No	0

2	**Question Text: Does at least one PLU in the project area intersect the St Mary's (04100004), Auglaize (04100007), or Blanchard (04100008) HUC_8 watersheds by at least 50%?**

CONDITION: None.	
☒Text Question ☒Geospatial Question (If it is geospatial, do we have the data? ☐Yes ☒No)	
☒Require Answer ☐Multiple Answer	
☐ Further limit based on a land use or modifier (if yes, please elaborate in the CONDITION section)	
HOVER TEXT: *Does at least one PLU in the project area intersect the St Mary's (04100004), Auglaize (04100007), or Blanchard (04100008) HUC_8 watersheds by at least 50%?*	
Possible Answers	
a. Yes	50
b. No	0

3	**Question Text: What is the weighted Environmental Benefit score (utilizing Land Use/Flooding Frequency Calculator) for the offered acres?**

CONDITION: None.	
☒Text Question ☐Geospatial Question (If it is geospatial, do we have the data? ☐Yes ☐No)	
☒Require Answer ☐Multiple Answer	
☐ Further limit based on a land use or modifier (if yes, please elaborate in the CONDITION section)	
HOVER TEXT: *Using the Eligible Land Use and Environmental Benefit Calculator – Crop with soils mapped as very frequent, frequent, or occasional flooding (90 points), Lands in Conservation Reserve Program with soils mapped as very frequent, frequent, or occasional flooding (75 points), Range, Pasture, Forest with soils mapped as very frequent, frequent, or occasional flooding (60 points), Crop with soil flooding classes mapped as rare, very rare, or none (50 points), Lands in Conservation Reserve Program with soil flooding classes mapped as rare, very rare, or none (25 points), Range, Pasture, Forest with soils flooding classes mapped as rare, very rare, or none (5 points) Developed land (1 point).*	
Possible Answers	
a. Land Use Benefit score > 70	50
b. Land Use Benefit score 60 – 69	40
c. Land Use Benefit score 50 – 59	30
d. Land Use Benefit score 40 – 49	20
e. Land Use Benefit score 30 – 39	10
f. Land Use Benefit score < 30	0

4	**Question Text: Voluntary Easement Payment Reduction?**

	CONDITION: None.		
	☒Text Question ☐Geospatial Question (If it is geospatial, do we have the data? ☐Yes ☐No)		
	☒Require Answer ☐Multiple Answer		
	☐ Further limit based on a land use or modifier (if yes, please elaborate in the CONDITION section)		
	HOVER TEXT: *The landowner will accept a rate lower than the appraised value.*		
	Possible Answers		
	a. 10% or greater reduction in GARC or appraised FMV		10
	b. 5 – 9.9% reduction in GARC or appraised FMV		5
	c. 4.9% or less reduction in GARC or appraised FMV		0
5	**Question Text: Estimate Easement Value (BASED ON ACEP-WRE GARC)**		
	CONDITION: None.		
	☒Text Question ☐Geospatial Question (If it is geospatial, do we have the data? ☐Yes ☐No)		
	☒Require Answer ☐Multiple Answer		
	☐ Further limit based on a land use or modifier (if yes, please elaborate in the CONDITION section)		
	HOVER TEXT: *This question utilizes the 2024 ACEP-WRE GARC Rates to estimate the value of the Easement (amount the Agency would pay the landowner for the Easement rights). Proposed acres times relevant Region GARC rate. *Note: Landowner compensation will be determined by appraisal for FY2024.*		
	Possible Answers		
	a. GARC value < $3,500 per acre		10
	b. GARC value $3,500 - $6,000		5
	c. GARC value > $6,000		0
6	**Question Text: Restoration Costs Per-Acre?**		
	CONDITION: None.		
	☒Text Question ☐Geospatial Question (If it is geospatial, do we have the data? ☐Yes ☐No)		
	☒Require Answer ☐Multiple Answer		
	☐ Further limit based on a land use or modifier (if yes, please elaborate in the CONDITION section)		
	HOVER TEXT: *Based on the cost list.*		
	Possible Answers		
	a. < $ 2,500 per acre		10
	b. $2,500 – $4,000		5
	c. > $4,000 per acre		0
7	**Question Text: Operation and Maintenance Costs.**		
	CONDITION: None.		
	☒Text Question ☐Geospatial Question (If it is geospatial, do we have the data? ☐Yes ☐No)		
	☒Require Answer ☐Multiple Answer		
	☐ Further limit based on a land use or modifier (if yes, please elaborate in the CONDITION section)		
	HOVER TEXT: *Does restoration plan include structure? For purposes of this question, structures include dike, water control structures, riprap, culverts, or pipes*		
	Possible Answers		
	a. The plan does not include installation of structures that will need to be maintained		10
	b. The plan does include installation of structure that will need to be maintained		0
8	**Question Text: Estimated Structure Removal Costs**		

	CONDITION: None.	
	☒Text Question ☐Geospatial Question (If it is geospatial, do we have the data? ☐Yes ☐No)	
	☒Require Answer ☐Multiple Answer	
	☐ Further limit based on a land use or modifier (if yes, please elaborate in the CONDITION section)	
	HOVER TEXT: *Approximate the total size of the structure(s) to be removed.*	
	Possible Answers	
	a. No structure to be removed	10
	b. Structure < 2,000 square ft to be removed	5
	c. Structure > 2,000 square ft to be removed	0

Resource Points - 200 points required (35 points from Q9 and 30 points from Q10)

9	**Question Text: What percent of the proposed easement area is cropland?**	
	CONDITION: None.	
	☒Text Question ☐Geospatial Question (If it is geospatial, do we have the data? ☐Yes ☐No)	
	☒Require Answer ☐Multiple Answer	
	☐ Further limit based on a land use or modifier (if yes, please elaborate in the CONDITION section)	
	HOVER TEXT: *Land used primarily for the production and harvest of annual or perennial field, forage, food, fiber, horticultural, orchard, vineyard, or energy crops.*	
	Possible answers	
	a. 75 % or greater	35
	b. 50 % or greater	10
	c. Less than 50%	0
10	**Question Text: Are there areas in the easement planted to permanent grass vegetation that could be managed for phosphorus removal through an approved NRCS plan?**	
	CONDITION: Not for forage production	
	☒Text Question ☐Geospatial Question (If it is geospatial, do we have the data? ☐Yes ☐No)	
	☒Require Answer ☐Multiple Answer	
	☐ Further limit based on a land use or modifier (if yes, please elaborate in the CONDITION section)	
	HOVER TEXT: *This is limited to planned open grass areas where the management action is consistent with the easement purpose and NOT for the purpose of forage production.*	
	Possible Answers	
	a. Yes	30
	b. No	0
11	**Question Text: What is the size of the offered area?**	
	CONDITION: None.	
	☒Text Question ☐Geospatial Question (If it is geospatial, do we have the data? ☐Yes ☐No)	
	☒Require Answer ☐Multiple Answer	
	☐ Further limit based on a land use or modifier (if yes, please elaborate in the CONDITION section)	
	HOVER TEXT: *Please round to the nearest whole number to determine acres.*	
	Proximity:	
	a. > 39 acres	30
	b. 30 – 39 acres	20

	c. 20 – 29 acres	10
	d. < 20 acres	0
12	**Question Text: Downstream distance to nearest population center?**	
	CONDITION: None.	
	☒Text Question ☐Geospatial Question (If it is geospatial, do we have the data? ☐Yes ☐No)	
	☒Require Answer ☐Multiple Answer	
	☐ Further limit based on a land use or modifier (if yes, please elaborate in the CONDITION section)	
	HOVER TEXT: *Map documenting river miles and potentially impacted population center must be included in the official EWPP-FPE file.*	
	Proximity:	
	a. City (population > 5,000) within 2 miles downstream	30
	b. Village (population 1,600 – 4,999) within 2 miles downstream	20
	c. City (population >5,000) within 5 miles downstream	15
	d. Village (population 1,600 – 4,999) within 5 miles downstream	10
	e. No residential area with population >1,600 within 5 miles downstream	0
13	**Question Text: What percent of the proposed easement area is within the 100-year floodplain?**	
	CONDITION: None.	
	☒Text Question ☐Geospatial Question (If it is geospatial, do we have the data? ☐Yes ☐No)	
	☐Require Answer ☐Multiple Answer	
	☐ Further limit based on a land use or modifier (if yes, please elaborate in the CONDITION section)	
	HOVER TEXT: *If the entire reach of the floodplain is contained within the offered easement acres award maximum points for this question.*	
	Possible Answers	
	a. 90% or greater	35
	b. 75 – 89%	20
	c. Less than 75%	0
14	**Question Text: Frequency of flooding that has caused documented loss or damage**	
	CONDITION: None.	
	☒Text Question ☐Geospatial Question (If it is geospatial, do we have the data? ☐Yes ☐No)	
	☒Require Answer ☐Multiple Answer	
	☐ Further limit based on a land use or modifier (if yes, please elaborate in the CONDITION section)	
	HOVER TEXT: *Supporting documentation to confirm land eligibility must be included within the official EWPP-FPE program file.*	
	Possible Answers	
	a. More often than twice in the last ten years	15
	b. Loss only within the last year	10
	c. Twice in the last ten years	0
15	**Question Text: Proximity and connectivity to other protected habitats**.	
	CONDITION: None.	
	☒Text Question ☐Geospatial Question (If it is geospatial, do we have the data? ☐Yes ☐No)	
	☒Require Answer ☐Multiple Answer	
	☐ Further limit based on a land use or modifier (if yes, please elaborate in the CONDITION section)	

HOVER TEXT: *Determine if the offered acreage connects (abuts or touches) two protected areas, is adjacent to (touches or abuts) at least one protected area is within one river mile of a protected area. A protected area would be land such as a state wildlife area or other area with similar conservation easement already in place. Please provide supporting documentation.*

Possible Answers	
a. Site is adjacent to another protected area	25
b. Site is within one river mile of another protected area	10
d. Site is neither adjacent to or within one river mile of a protected area	0