

USDA Ranking Pool Report

Ranking Pool: NY FY24 BF Wildlife Habitat

Program: EQIP

Pool Status: Active

States: NY (Admin)

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Land Uses and Modifiers

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

Resource Concern Categories

Categories			
Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Aquatic habitat	0	35	100
Degraded plant condition	0	10	100
Pest pressure	0	10	100
Terrestrial habitat	0	45	100

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

Degraded plant condition			
Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Plant productivity and health	0	30	100
Plant structure and composition	0	70	100

Pest pressure

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Plant pest pressure	0	100	100

Terrestrial habitat

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Terrestrial habitat for wildlife and invertebrates	0	100	100

Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Type
Fish and Wildlife Habitat Design	144	Activities
Pollinator Habitat Design	148	Activities
Prescribed Burning Design	160	Activities
Pest Management Conservation System Design	161	Activities
Forest Management Practice Design	165	Activities
Site Assessment and Soil Testing for Contaminants Activity	207	Activities
PFAS Testing in Water or Soil	209	Activities
Soil Health Testing	216	Activities
Carbon Sequestration and Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Assessment	218	Activities
Soil Organic Carbon Stock Monitoring	221	Activities
Indigenous Stewardship Methods Evaluation	222	Activities
Forest Management Assessment	223	Activities
Brush Management	314	Conservation Practices
Herbaceous Weed Treatment	315	Conservation Practices
Prescribed Burning	338	Conservation Practices
Field Border	386	Conservation Practices
Riparian Herbaceous Cover	390	Conservation Practices
Riparian Forest Buffer	391	Conservation Practices
Stream Habitat Improvement and Management	395	Conservation Practices
Aquatic Organism Passage	396	Conservation Practices
Bivalve Aquaculture Gear and Biofouling Control	400	Conservation Practices
Wildlife Habitat Planting	420	Conservation Practices
Hedgerow Planting	422	Conservation Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Type
Obstruction Removal	500	Conservation Practices
Prescribed Grazing	528	Conservation Practices
Streambank and Shoreline Protection	580	Conservation Practices
Channel Bed Stabilization	584	Conservation Practices
Tree/Shrub Establishment	612	Conservation Practices
Restoration of Rare or Declining Natural Communities	643	Conservation Practices
Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management	644	Conservation Practices
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management	645	Conservation Practices
Shallow Water Development and Management	646	Conservation Practices
Early Successional Habitat Development-Mgt	647	Conservation Practices
Structures for Wildlife	649	Conservation Practices
Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment	654	Conservation Practices
Wetland Restoration	657	Conservation Practices
Wetland Enhancement	659	Conservation Practices
Tree-Shrub Pruning	660	Conservation Practices
Forest Stand Improvement	666	Conservation Practices

Ranking Weights

Factors	Algorithm	Allowable Min	Default	Allowable Max
Vulnerabilities	Default	10	10	40
Planned Practice Effects	Adjustment (D)	15	15	15
Resource Priorities	Default	20	60	60
Program Priorities	Default	5	5	15
Efficiencies	Default	10	10	10

Display Group: BF Wildlife Habitat (Active)



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
Did the applicant self-certify as a beginning farmer on the NRCS-CPA-1200, Conservation Program Application AND does the application include practices appropriate for the Wildlife Ranking Pool?	YES	--
	NO	--

Survey: Category Questions

Section: Category Question

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is this application located in NY?	Yes	--
	Otherwise	--

Survey: Program Questions

Section: Program Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the applicant meet the NRCS definition of a veteran farmer or rancher (VFR)	YES	20
	NO	--
Did the applicant participate in the CRP Transition Incentives Program (TIP), and land included in the CSP application has come out of CRP within the last two years?	YES	5
	NO	--
Will the planned treatment(s) result in the restoration or enhancement of wildlife habitat for a Federal or State listed endangered or threatened species? Yes, if State or Federally listed species is found in project area and application contains practices to specifically benefit those species. Document on CPA-52 and ECS-23 as appropriate.	YES	75
	NO	--
Is this application located in either the NY Grassland Bird focus area, Monarch Butterfly focus area in Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties, NY Golden-winged Warbler focus area or New England Cottontail focus area, and the habitat restoration is targeted towards these species? CD Wildlife category: WLFW_Golden_Winged Warbler_ProjectBndy, NY New England Cottontail Focus Area, Grassland_Bird_Focus_A_NY, CD Category Wildlife - NY Monarch Focus Area. Documentation must support the conservation plan will benefit the identified species.	YES	40
	NO	--
If practices in the application address declining wildlife habitat (wetland, grassland, pollinator, young forest; does NOT include mature forest), what percent of the area immediately surrounding the planned PLU(s) is managed by the applicant or others (e.g. easement, refuge, etc.) for the declining wildlife habitat? Must be same habitat as targeted by the application i.e. existing, adjacent young forest habitat surrounding PLU where young forest habitat will be created.	75-100%	25
	50-74%	20
	25-49%	10
	0-24%	5
	Not applicable	0

Section: Program Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Using the appropriate assessment tool (WHEG, PHSI, SVAP or Working Lands for Wildlife WHEG), what is the difference between the benchmark habitat index score and the planned habitat index score? If multiple sheets are used, use the highest score. SVAP score must be divided by 10.	>0.5 increase	35
	>0.4-0.5 increase	30
	>0.3-0.4 increase	20
	>0.2-0.3	10
	0.2 or less	0
Has the applicant had a Farm Bill 2018 contract terminated? Termination must be fully processed in Protracts to qualify.	YES	-50
	NO	--

Survey: Resource Questions

Section: Resource Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the area surrounding the project contain no development within 1000 feet? Development is defined as: no permanent buildings or paved roads greater than or equal to 2 lanes.	YES	25
	NO	--
Does the project site consist of less than 10% invasive species? Documentation must support presence of <10% invasive species.	YES	25
	NO	--
Is the project establishing native grassland, wetland, pollinator, or forest (includes shrubland) habitat, benefitting Climate Smart Ag and/or Forestry? At least one practice in the application is planned to establish a new seeding/planting.	YES	25
	NO	--
If establishing or managing grassland, wetland, or pollinator habitat, has the site been in row crop production within the last two years? Documentation must support presence of row crops in crop years 2021 and 2022. If Not Applicable, select No.	YES	25
	NO	--
If establishing or managing habitat for grassland dependent birds, answer yes to only one of the following. Use largest field in the application or largest contiguous habitat area to calculate ratio.	Field Perimeter to Area Ratio (perimeter ft / area ft ²) is < 0.005?	25
	Field Perimeter to Area Ratio (perimeter ft / area ft ²) is 0.005 to < 0.008?	15
	Not applicable	0
If creating young forest (shrubland) habitat, does the project site contain a mix of non-hydric and hydric soils OR does the site contain a riparian area (wetland, intermittent or perennial stream, lake) that will be managed for declining wildlife? If Not Applicable, select No. Documentation must include soils or stream/wetland maps to support this answer.	YES	25
	NO	--
Do any forest stands considered in this application currently include alder or aspen that will be regenerated by the planned practices? If Not Applicable, select No. Documentation must be included in the case file.	YES	25
	NO	--
Will the proposed project create wildlife habitat in mature forest by increasing native plant structure, large woody debris AND den or snag trees? The results from the Mature Forest tab of the NY WHEG must document EACH of the following WHEG components increasing by at least one level between benchmark and planned conditions (e.g. 1 to 5, or 5 to 10 points): Native Plant Structure, Den or Snag Trees, Large Woody Debris (on the ground). If Not Applicable, select No.	YES	25
	NO	--