

FY 25 Texas WRE General Specific Ranking Criteria

Survey: Applicability Questions

Question	Answer Choices
Is the land offered for enrollment located within the State of Texas and application for WRE?	YES
	NO

Survey: Category Questions

Question	Answer Choices
The land offered for enrollment contains land that meets at least one of the land eligibility categories for the WRE program?	YES
	NO

Survey: Program Questions

Question	Answer Choices
Does the landowner applicant qualify as Historically Underserved as defined in the NRCS-CPA-1200 Application Instructions?	Yes
	NO
Cost of the restoration is:	Total Cost of Restoration will be \$700 or less per acre
	Total Cost of Restoration will be \$701 to \$1000 per acre
	Total Cost of Restoration will be \$1001 to \$1500 per acre
	Restoration will require Special Features with cost exceeding \$1500 per acre

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Extent to which the landowner or another entity is offering to contribute financially to the cost of the easement acquisition to leverage Federal funds.	Greater than 50%
	49% or less but more than 25
	24% or less but more than 10%
	Less than 10%
Total Acres of Restorable Hydrology	301 or more Acres
	251 to 300 acres
	201 to 250 acres
	151 to 200 acres
	101 to 150 acres
	51 to 100 acres
	25 to 50 acres
	24 or less acres
What is the historic land use?	Row Crop, Small Grain and other Annual Crops
	Pasture, Range or Perennial Hayland
	Forestland
	Existing Wetland and/or no use within last 5 years
Based on the current use of the land, how many agriculturally-related environmental risks and/or resource concerns would be mitigated through protection and restoration of the land offered for enrollment?	Eleven or more
	Five to Ten
	Zero to Four
Will restoration and protection of the offered acres provide water quality or water quantity benefits to an impaired watershed in perpetuity?	Yes
	No
Is the land offered for enrollment directly associated with similarly protected lands that result in creating contiguous wetland areas and corridors that reduce habitat fragmentation?	Yes
	No
What is the known or observed drilling or exploration in the vicinity in the past 12 months that could impact restoration? (Deduction)	On subject property
	Adjacent to subject property
	Within 1 mile of subject property
	Within 10 miles of subject property
	Within the County
	None within County
Are there existing easements or reserved rights on the property that directly conflict with the purposes of the WRE? If so, what percentage of the enrollment? (Deduction)	0%
	Greater than 0 to 3
	4 to 7%
	8 to 10%
	11 to 15%
	16 to 20% If exceeds 20% contact state easement program manager

Survey: Resource Priorities

Question	Answer Choices
Habitat currently provides:	No life cycle needs to waterfowl, shorebirds, wading birds, or other wetland dependent wildlife.
	One lifecycle need to waterfowl, shorebirds, wading birds, or wetland dependent wildlife.
	Two or more lifecycle needs to waterfowl, shorebirds, wading birds or other wetland dependent wildlife.
Once restored or enhanced, the habitat present will provide:	Habitat for one or more wetland dependent Texas Conservation Action Plan species of greatest conservation need, as well as one wetland dependent wildlife species.
	Habitat for one or more wetland dependent wildlife species.
	Habitat for Zero migratory bird or wetland dependent wildlife species.
How will the offered acres benefit Threatened and Endangered species?	Directly Benefit
	No Benefit
What is the resulting condition of hydrology restoration?	Playa/upland depression
	Seasonal Shallow water (winter/spring months)
	Temporary Shallow water (riparian and flood occurrence)
	None of the above
Water Quality Filtering: Non WRE runoff from adjoining lands	Cropland
	Pastureland, Hayland, and/or CRP Grass
	CRP Trees, Forestland, other lands, no filtering
What is the proximity of the offered acres to other beneficial protected areas?	Adjacent to protected area
	Within 1 mile
	Greater than 1 mile and less than 3 miles
	Greater than 3 miles
Are the wetlands on the land offered for enrollment hydrologically connected to another waterbody and restoration/protection will serve to improve water quality?	Yes
	No
Does the land offered for enrollment offer ecosystem services that increase water storage in the soil or groundwater?	Yes
	No
Will the restoration result in a land use change that restores carbon sequestering native plants such as trees, shrubs, sedges, and grasses?	Yes
	No
Will the restoration provide benefits to urban or agricultural areas by reducing flooding downstream?	YES
	NO

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What percentage of the land offered for enrollment will be restored to its historic hydrology?	71% to 100%
	31% to 70%
	30% or less
Will the land offered for enrollment be restored to an acceptable alternative vegetative community that will successfully provide conditions suitable for the needs of native wetland-dependent wildlife that historically occurred in the area and support wetland functions and values?	YES
	NO
Are the soil properties (such as soil texture, soil structure, and soil drainage classes) and landscape features (geomorphic position, slope, and water table depths) appropriate for the practices and practice locations identified in the preliminary Wetlands Restoration Plan of Operations (WRPO)?	Yes
	No
Are the restorable area flooding characteristics (such as frequency, timing, duration, depth, and sources) conducive to the practices and practice locations identified in the preliminary WRPO?	Yes
	No
What is the primary source providing sufficient water that will adequately support the restoration on the land offered for enrollment?	Majority (>50%) of the enrolled area very frequently to annually floods or ponds water
	Majority (>50%) of the enrolled area frequently floods or ponds water three out of five years
	Majority (>50%) of the enrolled acres occasionally floods or ponds water one to two years out of five
	Majority (>50%) of the enrolled acres rarely flood or ponds water, or historically contained saturated soils due to groundwater conditions
	Majority (>50%) of the enrolled acres are not historically flooded and/or there is no primary water source available