

RCPP/ Delmarva Conservation Partnership EQIP Screening Tool For Fiscal Year 2017 Application Screening Worksheet		
Applicant Name:		
Evaluator Name:		
Date:	Batching Number:	Application No:
<p>This screening worksheet must be completed prior to ranking for each eligible producer applying for financial assistance. Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis; however, batching periods are established for purposes of evaluation, ranking, and funding decisions. The goal of this screening tool is to ensure that conservation technical assistance and EQIP program benefits are managed efficiently to address priority conservation needs. Completion of this worksheet and documentation does not constitute an agreement to provide EQIP program benefits nor approval of a program contract. The original screening worksheet should be filed with the applicant case file or EQIP program file. Unless the application is determined to be ineligible, the screening priority (high, medium, and low) must be recorded in ProTracts. Upon request, a copy of any completed screening worksheet may be provided to the applicant.</p>		
<p>If Yes, Low Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, continue to priority based screening factors.</p>	<p>Application screening priority is 'Low' if any of the following are true.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the last five EQIP program fiscal years (FY 2012 through 2016, inclusive), the applicant has had a NRCS contract terminated. 2. The applicant has an existing EQIP, AMA, or WHIP contract that is not on schedule and not in compliance. Practices scheduled for FY 2016 that have not been installed, not paid, or not reported are exempt. 3. Applicant failed to implement rescheduled contract items agreed to according to Form, NRCS-CPA-153, "Agreement Covering Non-Compliance with Provisions of Contract," and Form, NRCS-CPA-1156, "Revision of Plan/Schedule of Operations or Modification of a Contract. 4. Any conservation practices installed with financial assistance from NRCS that have not been maintained according to the practice operations and maintenance plan at any time during calendar years 2015, 2016, and 2017. 	

<p>If Yes, Medium Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, continue to priority based screening factors</p>	<p>Application screening priority is 'Medium' if any of the following are true.</p> <p>The location of the proposed practice is located in a high priority sub-watershed for at least 1 of the following 3 criteria (TNC will provide shapefiles for each layer):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sub-watershed that is in the 70th percentile or greater for N, P, or Sediment loading/ acre 2. Sub-watershed identified as a stronghold watershed for as supporting high fish, amphibian, reptile and mussel biodiversity. 3. Sub-watershed with existing monitoring
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<p>If Yes, High Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, Medium Priority in ProTracts.</p>	<p>Application screening priority is 'High' if the following is true.</p> <p>The location of the proposed practice is located in a high priority sub-watershed for at least 2 of the following 3 criteria (TNC will provide shapefiles for each layer):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sub-watershed that is in the 90th percentile for N, P, or Sediment loading/ acre 2. Subwatershed identified as a stronghold watershed for as supporting high fish, amphibian, reptile and mussel biodiversity. 3. Sub-watershed with existing monitoring
	<p>Application Screening Priority: High _____ Medium _____ Low _____</p>
<p>District Conservationist Approval Signature:</p>	<p>Date Approved:</p>