

RCPP-EQIP 2017 Screening Criteria Worksheet

Applications to the RCPP- Mason-Dixon Working Lands Partnership Fund Code must be evaluated using this worksheet.

Instructions: This screening worksheet must be completed for each eligible producer applying for EQIP fund codes listed above. The goal of this screening tool is to ensure that conservation technical assistance and EQIP program benefits are efficiently allocated to address priority conservation needs addressed as priorities in the 2014 Farm Bill. Completion of this worksheet and documentation does not constitute agreement to provide EQIP program benefits nor approval of an EQIP contract. This screening worksheet should be filed with the applicant case file and the screening priority (HIGH, MEDIUM, or LOW) shall be recorded in ProTracts. Upon request, a copy of the screening worksheet may be provided to the applicant.

Detailed Screening Criteria Worksheet - Complete for each eligible EQIP applicant

Applicant Name:		County:	
Application Number:		Field Office:	
Evaluator Name:		Date:	

Instructions: For each eligible applicant, complete the following worksheet.

Step One - Basic Eligibility"	Yes	Action:	No	Action
A Is the application on a NRCS CPA 1200 complete, signed and dated?		Yes, Continue To B		No, do not process until application is complete.
B Do the EQIP planned practices address one or more of the national program priorities? EQIP 515.3B The application must support at least one national program priority.		Yes, Continue To C		No, do not process until application is ineligible.
C. Is the Land Eligible? EQIP 515.52 and CPM 512.22		Yes, Continue to Step 2		No, application is ineligible.

**Step 2 - Priority determination for ProTracts - Check the box that applies after answering the questions below.
Check only 1 Priority**

<u>High Priority:</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Check Box 1	<u>Low Priority:</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Check Box
<u>Medium Priority:</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Check Box 2	<u>No Priority:</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Check Box

Ineligible Application

The priority determination of HIGH, MEDIUM, or LOW must be recorded in Protracts for this applicant

<u>Questions</u>	Answer (circle the answer that applies)	PRIORITY DETERMINATION
1. Is the applicant currently on schedule with all active Farm Bill contracts? If YES, proceed to the next question. If NO, set the priority to LOW.	Yes No	
2. Does the application include Forest Stand Improvement (666), Forest Management Plan (106), Brush Management (314), Herbaceous Weed Control (315) or Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)? If YES, set the priority to High. If no, proceed to the next question.	Yes No	
3. Is the applicant applying for a Riparian Forest Buffer through EQIP or CRP that will treat all the streams on the tract? If YES, set the priority to High. If no, proceed to the next question.	Yes No	
4. Has the applicant installed a Riparian Forest Buffer that has treated the entire length of the stream on the tract? If yes, set the priority to Medium.	Yes No	
All other applications will be scored a Low Priority		
FINAL PRIORITY DETERMINATION		

D.C. Approval:	Date Approved:
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