

Ranking Tool Summary

for FY2017 - RCPP Upper Cedar Urban - Rural Partnership Project

Local Issues:

Questions:

Sub-heading Number	Question Number	Question	Points
1		If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1.1 will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the local priority category.	
	1	Is the program application for the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes" do not answer any other local level questions. If answer is "No" proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	350
2		WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION	
	1	Through the Conservation Planning Process, the application will result in the installation of at least 4 or more conservation practices that will have a positive impact on Water Quality Degradation? (Can only answer yes to one of question 2.1 or 2.2)	50
	2	Through the Conservation Planning Process, the application will result in the installation of 2 or 3 conservation practices that will have a positive impact on Water Quality Degradation? (Can only answer yes to one of question 2.1 or 2.2)	30
	3	The application will result in the installation of (590) Nutrient Management on all of the acres in the contract?	40
	4	Practice(s) within this Application have some water discharged into an existing or new Wetland, Denitrifying Bioreactor, or a Saturated Buffer to reduce the nutrient content of the water prior to release into a watercourse.	30
	5	The application includes the installation of a Denitrifying Bioreactor?	25
	6	The application includes the installation of a Saturated Buffer?	25
	7	The application includes the installation of a Winter Hardy Cover Crop Mix on a minimum of 40 acres?	20
3		SOIL QUALITY DEGRADATION	
	1	Is this application for the implementation of agronomic practices that will improve the organic matter content of the soil?	10
	2	If the application includes cover crop, will the cover crop be planted on the same land for 3 consecutive years?	40
	3	This application includes the installation of both no-till/strip-till and cover crops on the same land for at least 2 consecutive years?	40
	4	If the application includes no-till/strip-till will the no-till/strip-till be planted on the same land for 3 consecutive years?	40
4		BUSINESS LINE – Will a practice scheduled in the "EQIP Plan of Operations" result in:	
	1	Enhancement of existing soil quality degradation practice by adding cover crops or no-till/strip-till to an existing system that includes either cover crops or no-till/strip-till each year - for the length of the contract?	30
		Maximum Points: 350 Total Points	350