

Blue Ridge PRISM Landowner Programs Expansion Project

National Priorities:

Scoring Multiplier: 1.000

Questions:

Number	Question	Points
1	a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	250
2	a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	15
2	b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	10
2	c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	10
2	d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a "non-impaired water body"?	10
2	e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	10
3	a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	15
3	b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	10
3	c. Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	10
3	d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	10
4	a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	10
4	b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	10
4	c. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO ₂), methane (CH ₄), and nitrous oxide (N ₂ O)?	10
4	d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	10
5	a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	10
5	b. Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	10
6	a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	10
6	b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	10
6	c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	10
6	d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	10
7	a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	10
7	b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	10
8	a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	10
8	b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	10
9	a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	10
	Total Points	500

State Issues:

Scoring Multiplier: 1.000

Questions:

Sub-heading Number		Question	Points
1		DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION – Excessive plant pest pressure. Excessive pest damage to plants. This concern addresses invasive plants.	
	1	The applications includes 314 Brush Management and/or 315 Herbaceous Weed Control that address one or more Tier 1 invasive species: Autumn Olive, Kudzu, Japanese Stiltgrass, Mile a Minute, Tree of Heaven, or Oriental Bittersweet	125
	2	The applications includes 314 Brush Management and/or 315 Herbaceous Weed Control that address one or more Tier 2 invasive species: Chinese Privet, Garlic Mustard, Japanese Honeysuckle, or Multiflora Rose	100
	3	The applications includes practices (666) that manipulates species composition, stand structure and stocking by cutting or killing selected trees and understory vegetation.	50
2		Completeness of Treatment	
2	1	The application includes practices that address ALL Tier 1 and Tier 2 Invasive Species that occur on the Conservation Management Unit (CMU).	125

Local Issues:

Scoring Multiplier: 1.000

Questions:

Sub-heading Number	Question Number	Question	Points
1			
	1	Does the application address one or more invasive species that are neither Tier 1 or Tier 2, but are included in DCR’s current Virginia Invasive Plant Species List? (as shown on http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural-heritage/invspdflist)	150
2			
	1	Approval of this application would result in the first Farm Bill contract for the applicant	100
		Maximum Points: Total Points	250