

## 2018 AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM WETLAND RESERVE EASEMENT (ACEP-WRE) OHIO SITE EVALUATION FORM

Wetland Team Leader Signature _____	Date: _____
Landowner Signature: _____	Date: _____
Other Agencies that have been consulted:	
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service: _____	Date: _____
ODNR-Division of Wildlife: _____	Date: _____
Pheasants Forever/Other: _____	Date: _____

### ECOLOGICAL FACTORS

1. Location significance: (Use county list; Maximum 25 points)  

2. Size of area: (Maximum 20 points)

Based on size of offered acres (must be greater than 10 acres)  

\* Offered Acres   x 10%

\* If offered Acres < 10, zero points awarded

3. Easement Area That Meets Land Eligibility Criteria (Maximum 90 points)  

<u>Cropland</u>	(Hydric Soil Acres <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;"> </span> / <u>0</u> )	Total Acres) * 60 * 1.5	- <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;"> </span>
<u>Pasture</u>	(Hydric Soil Acres <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;"> </span> / <u>0</u> )	Total Acres) * 40 * 1.5	- <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;"> </span>
<u>Previously Restored A</u>	(Acres Restored <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;"> </span> / <u>0</u> )	Total Acres) * 30 * 1.5	- <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;"> </span>
(hydric soils with post 1985 crop history & significant hydrology alteration)			
<u>Previously Restored B</u>	(Acres Restored <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;"> </span> / <u>0</u> )	Total Acres) * 20	- <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;"> </span>
(hydric soils, no post 1985 crop history, but has history of agricultural production & significant hydrology alteration)			
<u>Former/Degr. Wetlands</u>	(Modified Acres <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;"> </span> / <u>0</u> )	Total Acres) * 20	- <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;"> </span>
(hydric soils with history of agricultural production & significant hydrology alteration)			
<u>Riparian Corridor</u>	(Acres w/n 300 Ft of Stream <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;"> </span> / <u>0</u> )	Total Acres) * 10	- <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;"> </span>
(must connect existing protected wetlands within one mile or restorable wetlands in offer)			
<u>Adjacent Acres</u>	(Non-Hydric or NonRestorable) <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;"> </span> / <u>0</u> )	Total Acres) * 0	- <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;"> </span>

4. Easement Configuration (Maximum points 15)

Easement is made up of contiguous, non irregular block of land and if previously restored, water control structures are located in the offered acres -----> 15

Easement offer is divided by non-eligible acres, a right of way, non-eligible CRP, or other non-easement area that is beyond control of landowner -----> 10  

The boundary is irregular, or has been manipulated by the landowner so that the offer is cut-up, divided among eligible acres, or separated by non-easement area (cutouts or in-holdings) -----> 0

Existing water control structures outside the offered acres ----> -10

5. Proximity and connectivity to other protected habitats (Maximum Points 15):

Offered acres connect two existing protected habitats; list them \_\_\_\_\_ 15  

Offered acres are adjacent to existing protected habitat; \_\_\_\_\_ 10

Offered acres are within 1 mi of existing protected habitat \_\_\_\_\_ 5

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6. Proximity to wetlands, streams or waterbody over 5 acres (Maximum Points 15):

Offered acres connect two wetlands or waterbodies	15	
Offered acres are adjacent to existing wetland or waterbody	10	<input type="text"/>
Offered acres are within one mile of existing wetland or waterbody	5	

7. What percentage of eligible hydric soils will have the hydrology restored by WRE restoration practices? (Maximum Points 40)

All hydric acres will be restored	40	<input type="text"/>
Site has previously restored wetlands, part of the hydric acres will be restored	20	
All eligible hydric soils have been restored/enhanced OR are existing eligible riparian corridor	0	

8. What percentage of the easement area will be restored to a natural, permanent plant community? (Maximum Points 10)

> Or = 50 % cropland, pasture or grassland needing renovation	10	10	<input type="text"/>
< 50% cropland, pasture or grassland needing renovation	4	4	

9. Planned wetland community type: (Maximum Points 20)

Woodland (estimated % of total wetland acres) =	<input type="text"/>	% X 20 =	<input type="text"/>
Shallow marsh/wet meadow (estimated % total)	<input type="text"/>	% X 13 =	<input type="text"/>
Open water (estimated % total)	<input type="text"/>	% X 5 =	<input type="text"/>

**(Additional points may only be taken for the following)**  
 If the offered acres include woodland with vernal pools and the restoration plan includes creating additional vernal pools adjacent to the woodland, provide documentation and add 10 points

10. Threatened and endangered species benefits (Maximum Points 15)

Does the wetland community type described in question 9 provide

a) Direct habitat benefit to Ohio targeted species (E. massasauga or Copperbelly watersnake) (15 pts)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
b) Indirect habitat benefit to Ohio threatened or endangered wetland species? If yes, list species. (5 pts)	<input type="text"/>	
Species _____		
c) No targeted species benefits (0 pts)	<input type="text"/>	

11. Water Quality Benefits (Maximum Points 15)

a) > 50% of Offered acres are in a 303d listed watershed..... 5 pts	<input type="text"/>	
b) Offered acres are in an NRCS Ohio priority watershed..... 5 pts	<input type="text"/>	
* Western Lake Erie Basin (5 pts)	<input type="text"/>	
* Brandywine-Broken Sword Creek, Fivemile Creek-East Fork Miami River; East Branch South Fork Sugar Creek; Grand St. Mary's (3 pts)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
c) > 50 acres of active cropland (outside project area) will drain directly into the restoration site <b>OR</b> offered acres contain > 50 acres active cropland ..... 5 pts	<input type="text"/>	

TOTAL Points - Environmental / Ecological Factors (280 possible points)

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### ECONOMIC FACTORS:

**12. Site ownership? (Maximum Points 10)**

Individual, Family, or Family Corporation ownership ..... 10 pts

Conservation NGO's, Hunt Clubs, ETC ..... 5 pts

Corporate owned ..... 1 pt

**13. Type of Application (Maximum Points 10)**

Permanent Easement ..... 10 pts

30-YR Easement ..... 0 pts

**14. Voluntary Easement Reduction: (Maximum Points 10)**

The Landowner will accept a rate lower than the GARC or Appraised FMV of:

- 10% or greater reduction in GARC ..... 10 pts

- Greater than 5% but less than 10% reduction ..... 5 pts

**15. Cost of Easement, Restoration & Long-Term Maintenance (Maximum Points 20)**

Easement Value Per Acre (Based on GARC) (Max Pts 5)

  GARC value < \$2,500 per acre ..... 5 pts

  GARC value > \$2500, but < \$5,000 per acre ..... 3 pts

  GARC value > \$5,000 per acre ..... 0 pts

Restoration Costs Per Acre (Based on Cost List) (Max Pts 20)

  Less than \$1,000 per acre ..... 10 pts

  \$1,000 to \$2000 per acre ..... 5 pts

  Greater than \$2,000 per acre ..... 0 pts

Operation & Maintenance Cost (Max Pts 5)

  Offered acres / WRPO contain no structures ..... 5 pts

  Offered acres / WRPO contain structures ..... 0 pts

(structures = dike, WCS, sheet piling, etc.)

**TOTAL Points - Economic Factors (50 Possible Points)**

Environmental Factor Points	-	Economic Factor Point	-	Total Points
(280 maximum)		(50 maximum)		(330 maximum)

SITE ADJUSTMENT FACTOR	YES or NO (from dropdown)	FINAL SCORE
Offered acres have > 50% invasive species **	<input style="width: 30px; height: 15px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 30px; height: 15px; background-color: #ffff00;" type="text"/>
Offered acres have < 50% but > 20% invasive species **	<input style="width: 30px; height: 15px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 30px; height: 15px; background-color: #ffff00;" type="text"/>
Offered acres have < 20% invasive species **	<input style="width: 30px; height: 15px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 30px; height: 15px; background-color: #ffff00;" type="text"/>

→ Multiply Total Pts by 50%

→ Multiply Total Pts by 80%

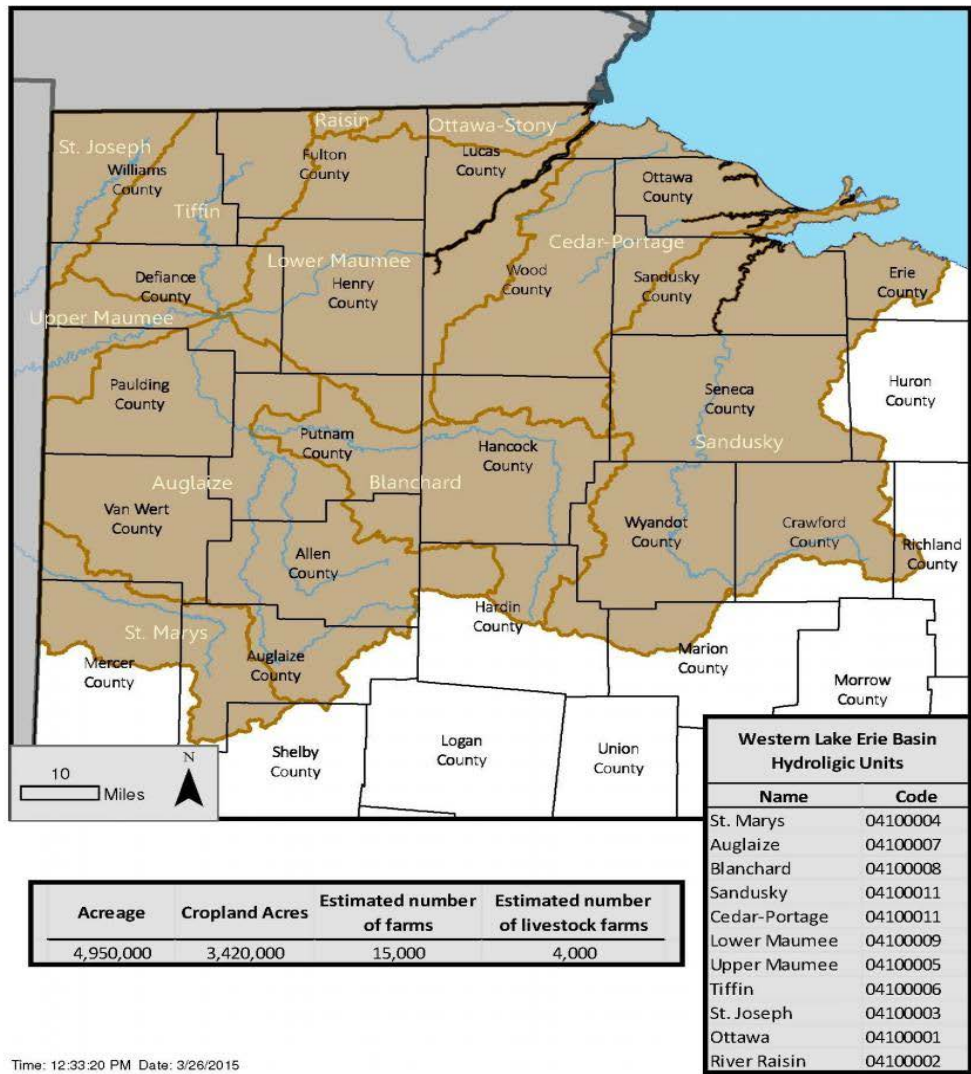
→ No adjustment to Total

\*\* Invasive species include Reed Canary Grass & Phragmites only

**In case of a tie score, the largest acreage will be accepted for funding first.**

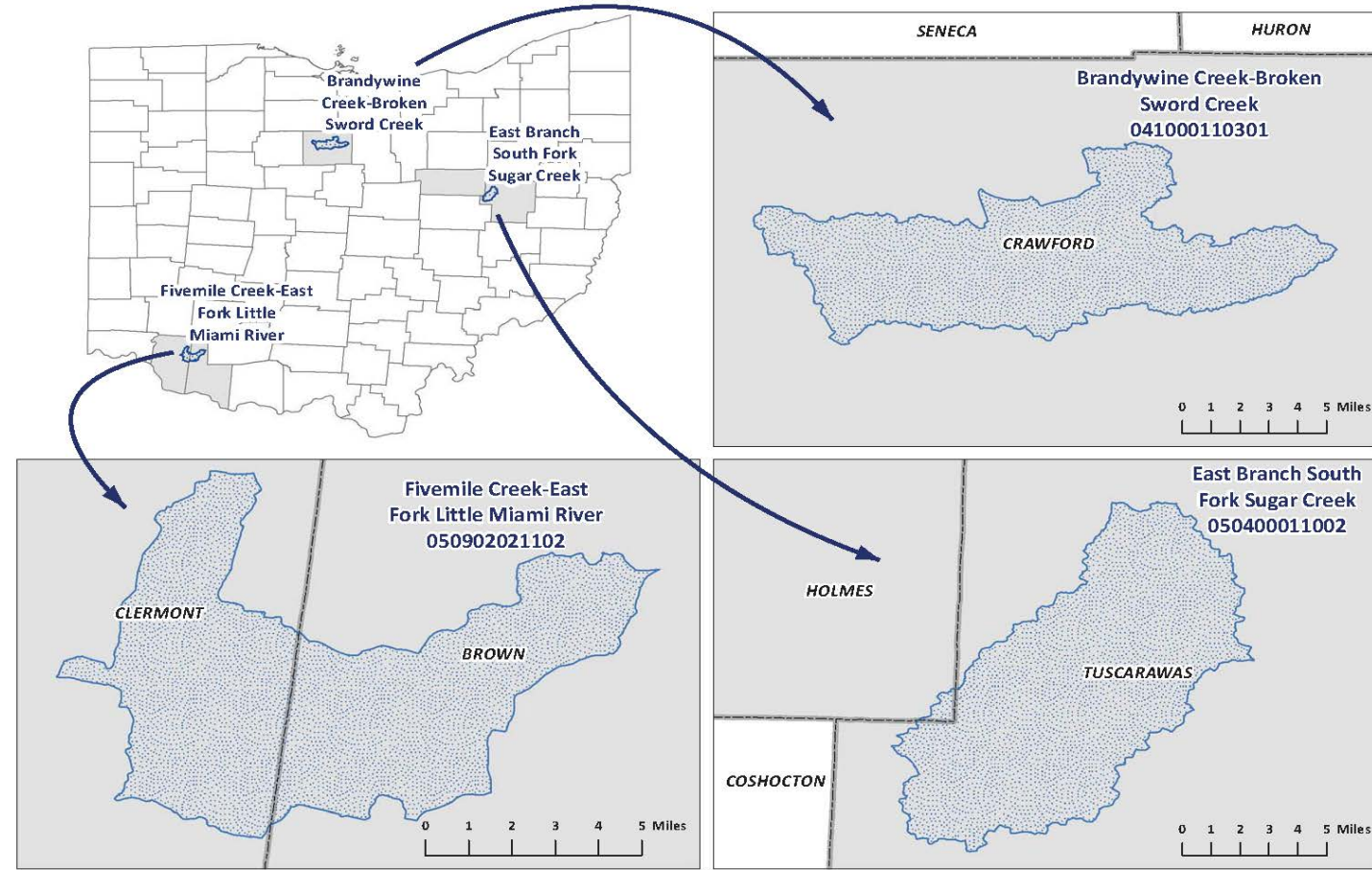
**Ranking does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a funding selection is final**

Western Lake Erie Basin HUC 8 Watersheds in Ohio



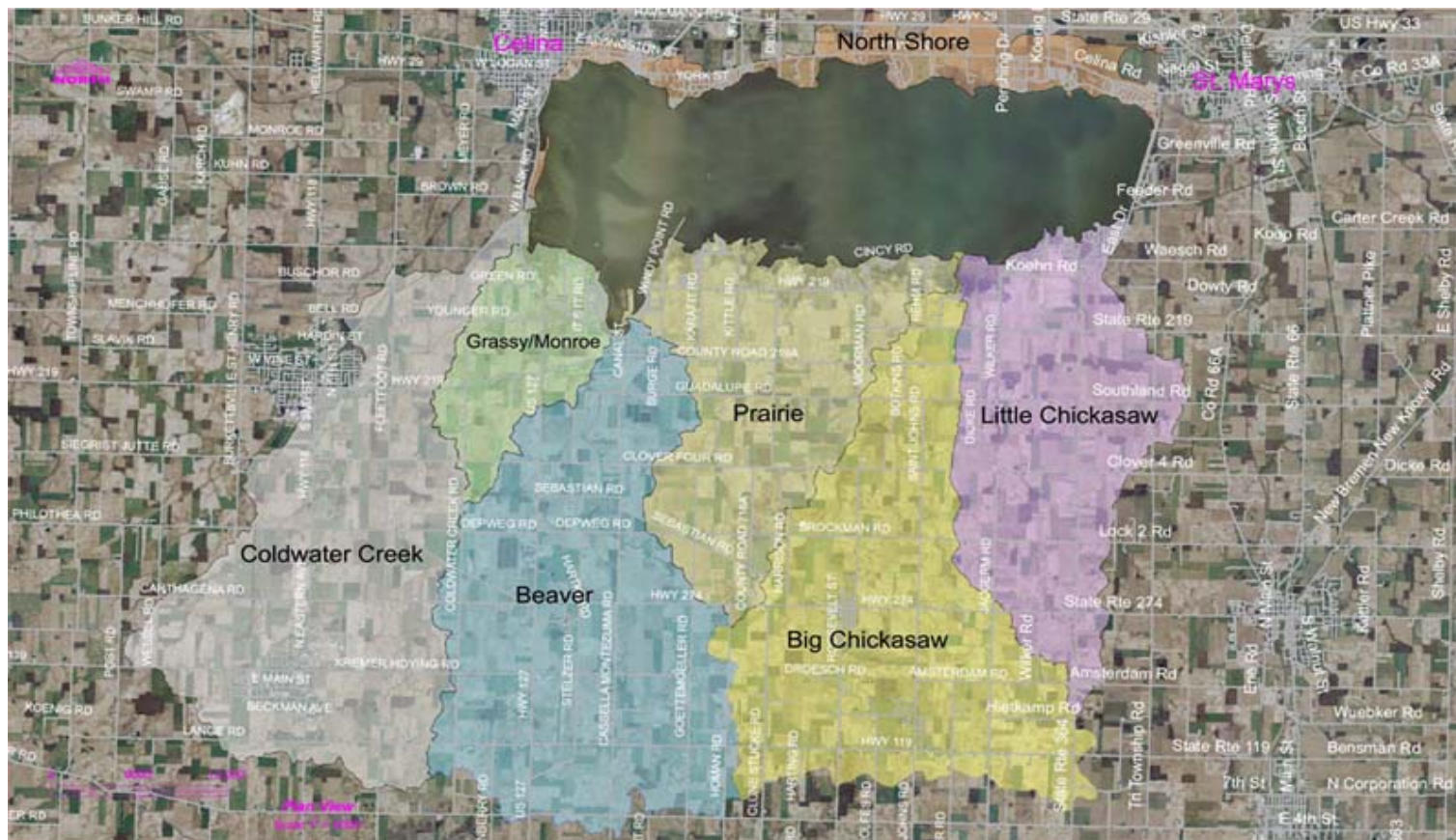
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NRCS Ohio | FY2016 National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) Watersheds (HUC 12)



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ACEP WRE PRIORITY WATERSHEDS  
FY 2018

Grand Lake - St. Mary's

**Agricultural Conservation Easement Program-  
 FY 2018 ACEP-WRE County Location Values  
 Max Points = 25**

COUNTY	Area	2018 Value
ASHLAND	NE	12
ASHTABULA	NE	22
CARROLL	NE	1
COLUMBIANA	NE	6
COSHOCTON	NE	10
CUYAHOGA	NE	18
ERIE	NE	17
GEAUGA	NE	19
HARRISON	NE	1
HOLMES	NE	10
HURON	NE	22
JEFFERSON	NE	1
KNOX	NE	14
LAKE	NE	12
LORAIN	NE	18
MAHONING	NE	15
MEDINA	NE	16
PORTAGE	NE	19
RICHLAND	NE	10
SUMMIT	NE	14
TRUMBULL	NE	21
TUSCARAWAS	NE	2
WAYNE	NE	11

ALLEN	NW	22
AUGLAIZE	NW	21
CRAWFORD	NW	16
DEFIANCE	NW	24
DELAWARE	NW	16
FULTON	NW	20
HANCOCK	NW	24
HARDIN	NW	21
HENRY	NW	24
LOGAN	NW	17
LUCAS	NW	22
MARION	NW	20
MERCER	NW	18
MORROW	NW	9
OTTAWA	NW	19
PAULDING	NW	24
PUTNAM	NW	25
SANDUSKY	NW	23
SENECA	NW	23
VAN WERT	NW	23
WILLIAMS	NW	20
WOOD	NW	25
WYANDOT	NW	20

COUNTY	Area	2018 Value
ATHENS	SE	5
BELMONT	SE	1
FAIRFIELD	SE	10
GALLIA	SE	3
GUERNSEY	SE	2
HOCKING	SE	6
JACKSON	SE	3
LAWRENCE	SE	6
LICKING	SE	8
MEIGS	SE	1
MONROE	SE	1
MORGAN	SE	1
MUSKINGUM	SE	4
NOBLE	SE	1
PERRY	SE	5
STARK	SE	9
VINTON	SE	3
WASHINGTON	SE	4

ADAMS	SW	6
BROWN	SW	8
BUTLER	SW	5
CHAMPAIGN	SW	11
CLARK	SW	14
CLERMONT	SW	7
CLINTON	SW	13
DARKE	SW	12
FAYETTE	SW	13
FRANKLIN	SW	15
GREENE	SW	12
HAMILTON	SW	4
HIGHLAND	SW	9
MADISON	SW	16
MIAMI	SW	7
MONTGOMERY	SW	7
PICKAWAY	SW	17
PIKE	SW	13
PREBLE	SW	7
ROSS	SW	18
SCIOTO	SW	14
SHELBY	SW	11
UNION	SW	15
WARREN	SW	7