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Eligible Land Uses
- Crop, Forest, Range, Pasture

Primary Resource Concern
- Water Quality Degradation – Nutrients in Surface Water

Secondary Resource Concerns
- Water Quality Degradation – Excessive Sediment in Surface Water
- Water Quality Degradation – Excessive Pathogens and Chemicals from Manure
- Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife-Quantity/Quality of Cover/Shelter
- Degraded Plant Condition-Undesirable Plant Productivity Health

Additional Requirements for this Project
- An application must contain at least one financially assisted core practice to be eligible for this project.

Priority
- All applicants who provide documentation they are participating in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) land tenure provisions and are competing in the designated EQIP beginning farmer or rancher (BF/R) or socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher (SDF/R), shall be designated as HIGH PRIORITY. Applicants certifying as veteran beginning farmer or rancher (VBF/R) and participating in CRP land tenure provisions will have their applications selected for funding prior to any other “High” priority applicants.
- Applications with greater than or equal to 75 percent of the unit of concern located within a Milford Lake Watershed RCPP Project Tier 1 Area shall be designated HIGH PRIORITY.
- Applications with greater than or equal to 75 percent of the unit of concern located within a Milford Lake Watershed RCPP Project Tier 2 Area shall be designated MEDIUM PRIORITY.
- All other applications shall be designated LOW PRIORITY.

Eligible Practices
Core Practices
102 – Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CAP)
104 – Nutrient Management Plan (CAP)
329 – Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till
340 – Cover Crop
345 – Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till
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382 – Fence
474 – Access Control
561 – Heavy Use Area Protection
590 – Nutrient Management

Supporting Practices
114 – Integrated Pest Management Plan (CAP)
142 – Fish and Wildlife Habitat Plan (CAP)
146 – Pollinator Habitat Plan (CAP)
154 – IPM Herbicide Resistance Weed Conservation Plan (CAP)
313 – Waste Storage Facility
315 – Herbaceous Weed Control
316 – Animal Mortality Facility
317 – Composting Facility
327 – Conservation Cover
328 – Conservation Crop Rotation
330 – Contour Farming
332 – Contour Buffer Strips
342 – Critical Area Planting
350 – Sediment Basin
351 – Water Well Decommissioning
355 – Water Well Testing (Groundwater Testing)
356 – Dike
359 – Waste Treatment Lagoon
360 – Waste Facility Closure
362 – Diversion
367 – Roofs and Covers
378 – Pond¹
380 – Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment
386 – Field Border
390 – Riparian Herbaceous Cover
391 – Riparian Forest Buffer
393 – Filter Strip
410 – Grade Stabilization Structure
412 – Grassed Waterway
430 – Irrigation System, Microirrigation
446 – Land Smoothing
468 – Lined Waterway or Outlet
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\(^1\) Financial Assistance for this practice is ONLY available if the practice is needed to address a livestock waste concern.

\(^2\) This practice is not eligible for Financial Assistance if addressing Water Quality Degradation – Excessive Sediment in Surface Water resource concern.

## State Ranking Questions

1. Answer the following question if the application is for the 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 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the State priority category.
   a. Is the program application to support the development of a CAP? If the answer is “Yes,” do not answer any other State level questions. If the answer is “No,” proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.
   (400 points)

2. Answer both of the following questions regarding Secondary Resource Concerns addressed to Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) National and State Resource Concerns and Planning Criteria. If not applicable, leave the answers “NO.”
   a. Planned treatments under the unit of concern are needed to and will address Water Quality Degradation – Excessive Sediment in Surface Water or Water Quality Degradation – Excessive Pathogens and Chemicals from Manure. (35 points)
   b. Planned treatments under the unit of concern are needed to and will address Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife-Quantity/Quality of Cover/Shelter or Degraded Plant Condition-Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health. (25 points)

3. Answer ONE of the following four questions related to the Milford Lake watershed. If none apply, leave the answers “NO”:
   a. Greater than or equal to 75 percent of the unit of concern is located within 25 miles of Clay County Park in Wakefield in the Milford Lake Watershed RCPP Project Tier 1 Area. (225 points)
   b. Greater than or equal to 75 percent of the unit of concern is located outside of 25 miles of Clay County Park in Wakefield in the Milford Lake Watershed RCPP Project Tier 1 Area. (175 points)
   c. Greater than or equal to 75 percent of the unit of concern is located within of 25 miles of Clay County Park in Wakefield in the Milford Lake Watershed RCPP Project Tier 2 Area. (125 points)
   d. Greater than or equal to 75 percent of the unit of concern is located outside of 25 miles of Clay County Park in Wakefield in the Milford Lake Watershed RCPP Project Tier 2 Area. (75 points)

4. Answer ONE of the following two questions related to receiving water bodies. A receiving water body is defined as a permanent water body greater than 0.5 acres in size; rivers; streams, including U.S. Geological Survey blue line intermittent streams; and Food Security Act wetlands for which hydrology has not been altered. If neither applies, leave the answer “NO”.

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a. Any part of the unit of concern is located within 180 feet of a receiving water body or has a soil with frequent flood frequency. (55 points)
b. Any part of the unit of concern is located between 180.1 to 300 feet of a receiving water body or has a soil with occasional flood frequency. (25 points)

5. Answer EACH of the following four questions related to nutrient management and waste utilization:
   a. The nutrient management plan includes the application of livestock waste that will be applied by injection/subsurface application. (15 points)
   b. As a part of the nutrient management plan, split nitrogen applications will be implemented for all applicable nutrient applications in the rotation, to provide nutrients at the time for maximum crop utilization. (15 points)
   c. The nutrient management plan includes the application of phosphorous by band applying for all applicable nutrient applications in the rotation. (15 points)
   d. The nutrient management plan includes precision nutrient management system components such as gird or zone soil test, variable rate applications, and nitrification or urease inhibitors. (15 points)

Local Ranking Questions
1. Answer the following question 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 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the State priority category.
   a. Is the program application to support the development of a CAP? If the answer is “Yes,” do not answer any other State level questions. If the answer is “No,” proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section. (250 points)

2. Answer the following question related to gully erosion. If not applicable, leave the answer as “NO”.
   a. Application contains ephemeral or classic gullies, as defined in the FOTG planning criteria, and gully erosion will be treated on all fields where present. (40 points)

3. If applicable, answer ALL of the following questions related to Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism (KDWPT) Ecological Focus Areas. If none apply, leave the answers “NO”:

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a. Any part of the unit of concern is located within a Terrestrial Species Ecological Focus Area and treatment of the resource concern will have a direct habitat benefit to a Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) identified in the Ecological Focus Area. (20 points)
b. Any part of the unit of concern is located within an Aquatic Species Ecological Focus Area and treatment of the resource concern will have a direct habitat benefit to a SGCN identified in the Ecological Focus Area. (20 points)

4. If applicable, answer ONE of the following two questions related to Kansas Source Water Assessment Areas. If neither applies, leave the answers “NO”:
   a. Greater than or equal to 50 percent of the unit of concern is located within a Kansas Source Water Assessment Area. (40 points)
   b. Any part of the unit of concern, but less than 50 percent, is located within a Kansas Source Water Assessment Area. (20 points)

5. Answer the following question regarding winter feeding areas on grazing lands. Leave the answer “No” if not applicable:
   a. Livestock access to perennial streams for winter feeding areas on grazing lands will be limited and with livestock access managed. Limiting or managing livestock access may include, but are not limited to, alternate watering locations, controlled access points, or limiting time of access by livestock during winter months by either removal of livestock, or grazing systems where livestock are rotated (The 1:24,000 scale geospatial hydrography layer will be used to define perennial streams). (90 points)

6. Native plant species will be used in a financially-assisted vegetative practice. (40 points)