

Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Application Ranking Summary
Statewide Tribal Blue Ribbon Project**

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Statewide Tribal Blue Ribbon Project		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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 national priority category.	
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.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a “non-impaired water body”?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	
3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)	
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health :- Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil “T”)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)	
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities by: (select all that apply)	
7. a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation– Will the proposed project reduce energy use by: (select all that apply)	
8. a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the “EQIP Plan of Operations” result in:	
9. a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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	
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 state level questions. If answer is “No”, proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
One application per Tribe: Use the eligible practices based on the applicable Tribal work group resource concern.	
1. This application has been determined by the applicable Tribe to be their Blue Ribbon application for FY19. The Tribe must make selection, NOT NRCS staff.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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 local priority category.	
1. 1a. Is the program application to support 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.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Non CAP Questions: Answer yes to no more than one of the local questions ___ - ___.	
1. This application has been determined by the applicable Tribe to be their Blue Ribbon application for FY19	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION - Undesirable plant productivity and health Eligible practices selected by work group. Some may not be available for FY19 if they are not available on the FY19 payment schedule developed by NHQ: (NO Hold-downs)	
2. Access Control (472) , Alley Cropping (311) , Animal Trail or Walkway (575) , Brush Management (314) , Clearing and Snagging (326) , Conservation Cover (327) , Conservation Crop Rotation (328) , Cover Crop (340) , Critical Area Planting (342) , Deep Tillage (324) , Dike (356) , , Feed Management (592) , Fence (382) , Field Border (386) , Firebreak (394) , Forage and Biomass Planting (512) , Forage Harvest Management (511) , Forest Stand Improvement (666) , Forest Trails and Landings (655) , Fuel Break (383) , Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment (548) , Heavy Use Area Protection (561) , Herbaceous Weed Control (315) , Integrated Pest Management (595) , Land Clearing (460) , Livestock Pipeline (516) , Mulching (484) , Multi-Story Cropping (379) , Nutrient Management (590) ,	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

3. Obstruction Removal (500) , Pond (378) , Prescribed Grazing (528) , Pumping Plant (533) , Range Planting (550) , Riparian Forest Buffer (391) , Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390) , Road / Trail / Landing Closure and Treatment (654) , Silvopasture (381) , Spring Development (574) , , Subsurface Drain (606) , Surface Drainage, Main or Lateral (608) , Tree & Shrub Establishment (612) , Tree & Shrub Site Preparation (490) , , Tree/Shrub Pruning (660) , Underground Outlet (620) , Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645) , Vegetated Treatment Area (635) , Vertical Drain (630) , Water and Sediment Control Basin (638) , Water Harvesting Catchment (636) , Water Well (642) , Water Well Decommissioning (351) ,	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Watering Facility (614) , Wetland Wildlife Management (644) , Windbreak/Shelterbelt Est. (380) , Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation (650) , Woody Residue Treatment (384) .	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
INADEQUATE HABITAT FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE - Habitat degradation , Eligible practices selected by work group. Some may not be available for FY19 if they are not available on the FY19 payment schedule developed by NHQ: (NO Hold-downs)	
5. Access Control (472) , Access Road (560) , Alley Cropping (311) , Animal Trails and Walkway (575) , Aquaculture Pond (397) not on list , Aquatic Organism Passage (396) , Brush Management (314) , Channel Bed Stabilization (584) , Clearing and Snagging (326) , Conservation Cover (327) , Constructed Wetland (656) , Cover Crop (340) , Critical Area Planting (342) , Dike (356) , Diversion (362) , Early Successional Habitat Development and Management (647) , Fence (382) , Field Border (386) , Filter Strip (393) , , Fishpond Management (399)not on list , Forage and Biomass Planting (512) , Forage Harvest Management (511) , Forest Stand Improvement (666) , Grade Stabilization Structure (410) , Grassed Waterway (412) , Heavy Use Area Protection (561) ,	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Hedgerow Planting (422) , Herbaceous Weed Control (315) , Integrated Pest Management (595) , Irrigation Pipeline (430) , Irrigation System, Microirrigation (441) , Irrigation System, Sprinkler (442) , Land Clearing (460) , Livestock Pipeline (516) , Mulching (484) , Nutrient Management (590) , Obstruction Removal (500) , Open Channel (582) , Pond (378) , Pond Sealing or Lining, Bentonite Sealant (521C)not on list , Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment (521D)not on list , , Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane (521A) , Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant (520) , Prescribed Grazing (528) , Pumping Plant (533) , Range Planting (550) , , Restoration and Management of Rare and Declining Habitats (643) , Riparian Forest Buffer (391) , Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390) , Road / Trail / Landing Closure and Treatment (654) , ,	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Shallow Water Development and Management (646) , Silvopasture (381) , Spring Development (574) , Stream Crossing (578) , Stream Habitat Improvement (395) , Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580) , Structure for Water Control (587) , Tree & Shrub Establishment (612) , Tree & Shrub Site Preparation (490) , Tree Pruning (660) , Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645) , Vegetated Treatment Area (635) , Water Well (642) , Water Well Decommissioning (351) , Watering Facility (614) , Wetland Enhancement (659) , Wetland Restoration (657) , Wetland Wildlife Management (644) , , Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380) , Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation (650) ,	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
EXCESS/INSUFFICIENT WATER - Inefficient use of irrigation water Eligible practices selected by work group. Some may not be available for FY19 if they are not available on the FY19 payment schedule developed by NHQ: (NO Hold-downs)	
8. Access Road (560) , Anionic Polyacrylamide (PAM) Application (450) , Channel Bed Stabilization (584) , Clearing and Snagging (326) , Conservation Cover (327) , Conservation Crop Rotation (328) , Cover Crop (340) , Critical Area Planting (342) , Dike (356) , Diversion (362) , Early Successional Habitat Development/Management (647) , Fence (382) , Filter Strip (393) , Grade Stabilization Structure (410) , Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment (548) , Heavy Use Area Protection (561) , Herbaceous Weed Control (315) , Integrated Pest Management (595) ,	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Irrigation Canal or Lateral (320) , Irrigation Ditch Lining (428) , Irrigation Field Ditch (388) , Irrigation Land Leveling (464) , Irrigation Pipeline (430) , Irrigation System, Microirrigation (441) , Irrigation System, Sprinkler (442) , Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface (443) , Irrigation Water Management (449) , Mulching (484) , Nutrient Management (590) , Obstruction Removal (500) , Open Channel (582) , Pond (378) , Pond Sealing or Lining, Bentonite Sealant (521C) , Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment (521D) , Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane (521A) , Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant (521B) , Pumping Plant (533) , Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till (329) , Riparian Forest Buffer (391) , Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390) , Roof Runoff Structure (558) , Roofs and Covers (367) , Shallow Water Development and Management (646) , Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580) ,	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Structure for Water Control (587) , Tree/Shrub Establishment (612) , Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (490) , Underground Outlet (620) , Vegetated Treatment Area (635) , Water Harvesting Catchment (636)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

, Water Well (642) , Wetland Enhancement (659) , Wetland Wildlife Management (644) , Windbreak/Shelterbelt Est. (380) , Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation (650) ,	
WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION - Excessive sediment in surface waters Eligible practices selected by work group. Some may not be available for FY19 if they are not available on the FY19 payment schedule developed by NHQ: (NO Hold-downs)	
12. Access Control (472) , Access Road (560) , Agrichemical Handling Facility (309) , Alley Cropping (311) , Animal Mortality Facility (316) , Animal Trail or Walkway (575) , Anionic Polyacrylamide (PAM) Application (450) , Aquatic Organism Passage (396) , Channel Bed Stabilization (584) , Clearing and Snagging (326) , Composting Facility (317) , Conservation Cover (327) , Conservation Crop Rotation (328) , Cover Crop (340) , Critical Area Planting (342) , Dike (356) , Diversion (362) , Drainage Water Management (554) , Feed Management (592) , Fence (382) , Field Border (386) , Filter Strip (393) , Fish and Wildlife Structure (734) now str for WL (649) , Forage and Biomass Planting (512) , Forest Trails and Landings (655) , Grade Stabilization Structure (410) , Grassed Waterway (412) ,	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. Heavy Use Area Protection (561) , Hedgerow Planting (422) , Herbaceous Weed Control (315) , Integrated Pest Management (595) , Irrigation Pipeline (430) , Irrigation System, Microirrigation (441) , Irrigation System, Sprinkler (442) , Irrigation Water Management (449) , Livestock Pipeline (516) , Mulching (484) , Nutrient Management (590) , Obstruction Removal (500) , Open Channel (582) , Pond (378) , Pond Sealing or Lining, Bentonite Sealant (521C) , Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment (521D) , Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane (521A) , Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant (521B) , Prescribed Grazing (528) , Pumping Plant (533) , Res. & Tillage Mgt, Mulch-till (345) , Residue and Tillage Management - No-Till/ Strip Till/ Direct Seed (329) , Riparian Forest Buffer (391) , Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390) ,	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. Road / Trail / Landing Closure and Treatment (654) , Roof Runoff Structure (558) , Roofs and Covers (367) , , Sediment Basin (350) , Silvopasture (381) , Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632) , Spring Development (574) , Stormwater Runoff Control (570) , Stream Crossing (578) , Stream Habitat Improvement (395) , Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580) , Stripcropping (585) , Structure for Water Control (587) , Tree/Shrub Establishment (612) , Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (490) , Underground Outlet (620) , Vegetated Treatment Area (635) , Waste Facility Closure (360) , Waste Recycling (633) , Waste Storage Facility (313) , Waste Transfer (634) , Water and Sediment Control Basin (638) , Water Well (642) , Water Well Decommissioning (351) , Watering Facility (614) , Wetland Enhancement (659) , Wetland Restoration (657) ,	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency:
Local Issues:
State Issues:
National Issues:
Final Ranking Score:

This ranking report is for your information. It 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 final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: