

**FY 2019 Rhode Island Environmental Quality Incentives Program**

**NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)**

**A screening worksheet must be completed for each eligible EQIP application.**

Instructions: Program applications for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) are taken by NRCS on a continuous basis. Interested parties may submit an application any time during the fiscal year. Once received, applications will be pre-screened to determine if the application is a high, medium or low priority. In essence the prescreening tool determines if the applicant is ready to select eligible conservation practices from his or her approved conservation plan so that their application can be ranked in the Application Evaluation and Ranking Tool. All prescreened applications that are prioritized as High or Medium will be ranked in the next application ranking period.

Any applicant that receives a Low priority will be assigned to an NRCS Conservation Planner. The planner will work with the applicant to develop an approved conservation plan and assist the applicant in acquiring the required eligibility certifications. Once an applicant moves to a high or medium priority the application will be ranked in the next available application ranking period.

**Detailed Screening Criteria Worksheet – Complete for Each Eligible EQIP Applicant**

Applicant Name:		County:	
Application No:		Field Office:	Warwick Service Center
Evaluator:		Date:	

**Priority Determination for ProTracts – Select One:**

<p><b><u>High Priority Category:</u></b> The applicant has worked through Step 7 of the planning process by making decisions and selecting their preferred alternatives as part of the conservation planning process.</p>	<b>High Priority</b> Status in ProTracts
<p><b><u>Medium Priority:</u></b> The applicant has worked with a certified Technical Service Provider to develop and receive an approved Conservation Activity Plan, or has acquired a Forest Management Plan approved by RIDEM for the Forest Program or a conservation plan developed by the conservation districts.</p>	<b>Medium</b> <b>Priority</b> Status in ProTracts
<p><b><u>Low Priority Category 1:</u></b> All applications that do not otherwise qualify as High or Medium priority.</p>	<b>Low Priority</b> Status in ProTracts
<p><b><u>Low Priority Category 2:</u></b> The applicant has been issued a NRCS-CPA-153 in the past 12 months (which is not due to an NRCS delay), and is not on schedule to meet the terms of the CPA-153.</p>	
<p><b><u>Low Priority Category 3:</u></b> The applicant has had a contract terminated for non-compliance or requested contract cancellation in the past 12 months.</p>	

The priority determination of High, Medium, or Low must be recorded in the applicant’s ProTracts application.

D.C. Approval:		Date Approved:	
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