

**URI RCPP Screening Criteria Worksheet FY 2019**

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

**Instructions:** This screening worksheet must be completed for each eligible producer applying for EQIP RI URI RCPP assistance. Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis; however, an application period has been established for purposes of evaluation, ranking, and funding decisions. The goal of this screening tool is to ensure that conservation technical assistance and RCPP program benefits are managed efficiently to address priority conservation needs related to this national initiative. Completion of this worksheet and documentation does not constitute agreement to provide EQIP RCPP program benefits nor approval of a program contract. The original screening worksheet should be filed with the applicant case file or EQIP RCPP program file and unless the application is determined to be ineligible, the screening priority (high, medium, and low) must be recorded in ProTracts application priority. Upon request, a copy of the completed screening worksheet may be provided to the applicant. Any applicant that receives a Low priority screening priority will not be ranked. 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>Ineligible Category:</u></b> None of the conservation practices requested in the application is listed as a Core Practice in Table 2 of the document “University of Rhode Island RCPP Program Resource Concerns, Practices and Ranking Criteria, October 25, 2017. (Enter application in ProTracts, but do not rank. Offer alternative program assistance.)</p>	<p><b>Application Status is “Ineligible”</b></p>
<p><b><u>High Priority Category:</u></b> At least one conservation practices requested in the application is listed as a Core Practice in Table 2 of the document “University of Rhode Island RCPP Program Resource Concerns, Practices and Ranking Criteria, October 25, 2017.</p>	<p><b>High Priority Status in ProTracts</b></p>
<p><b><u>Low Priority Category 1:</u></b> All applications that do not otherwise qualify as High Priority.</p>	<p><b>Low Priority Status in ProTracts</b></p>
<p><b><u>Low Priority Category 2:</u></b> The applicant has been issued a NRCS-CPA-153 in the past 12 months, 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>	
<p><b><u>Low Priority Category 4:</u></b> Applicant does not either: (a) own land within 50 yards of a stream or wetland (based on RIGIS “Streams5k” and Soils14), or (b) have an ongoing contract supported by the URI RCPP program.</p>	

The priority determination of High, Medium, or Low must be recorded in ProTracts application priority for this applicant.

D.C. Approval:		Date Approved:	
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