

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Sakonnet River

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> Sakonnet River		<b>Applicant:</b>
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>		<b>Address:</b>
<b>Planner:</b>	<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>Farm Location:</b>		

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"/>
<b>Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)</b>	
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"/>
<b>Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)</b>	
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"/>
<b>Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)</b>	
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"/>
<b>Soil Health :- Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)</b>	
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"/>
<b>Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)</b>	
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 for development of a TSP-prepared 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 1a. Is the program application for development of a TSP-prepared 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"/>
Water Quality – EPA Watersheds:	
2. a. Does the application include core conservation practices that will be implemented within ¼ mile of a stream or water body that is threatened (i.e., receives significant runoff of excess nitrogen or phosphorous) and on the EPA 303(d) list, or listed as impaired with a TMDL in place and therefore not on the 303(d) list, or specified as a critical stream or water body authorized by the Regional Conservationist?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Geographic Impacts:	
3. a. Do more than 75 percent of the acres treated meet both of the following criteria? i. Located within a NWQI watershed ii. Have at least one core conservation practice planned on them	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Collaborative Efforts:	
4. a. Are core conservation practices planned for the applicant’s treated acres within an existing non-USDA water quality project area addressing the same or similar pollutants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Effort to Address Watershed Impairments:	
5. a. Does this program application include the implementation of a system of conservation practices that address the NWQI primary resource concerns?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High-Risk Soils:	
6. a. Are core conservation practices to be implemented on offered acres with a majority of soil types that are classified Hydrologic Group D (high runoff) or Group A (high infiltration)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

### Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
2. Is the operation located in a watershed of drinking water supply reservoir, surface water quality or water conservation issues are being addressed with proposed practices? The practice must be listed in the Resource Concern AERT Matrix for the NWQI.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Is the operation located in a groundwater area mapped GAA or public wellhead protection area and ground	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

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4. Is the operation located in a watershed affecting class SA waters impacted by agriculture and water quality issues are being addressed with proposed practices? The practice must be listed in the Resource Concern AERT Matrix for the NWQI.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Based upon the current 303d list is the operation located within 300 feet of the impaired waterbody or tributary thereto that is directly impaired by nutrients (dissolved oxygen or excessive algal growth), pesticides, turbidity or other agricultural pollutants such as bacteria/pathogens and the particular water quality issue(s) is being addressed with proposed practices? The practice must be listed in the Resource Concern AERT Matrix for the NWQI.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Is the site located within 300 feet of cold water fishery or Special Resource Protection Waters (SRPW) where water quality and/or water conservation practices are needed to improve and/or protect one of the identified SRPW categories listed (Ecological Habitat, Critical Habitat (Rare and Endangered Species), Unique Freshwater Wetland, and Drinking Water Supply)? See Rhode Island Bulletin No. 300-10-7 for a listing of the SRPW. The practice must be listed in the Resource Concern AERT Matrix for the NWQI.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Will soil erosion or soil conservation practices have a positive effect on prime farmland soils or a soil of statewide importance as listed by Rhode Island NRCS?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Will planned practices address water quality and/or water quantity resource concerns that are within 300 feet of a private well or other surface waters/wetlands?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Is the project located within one of the watersheds of the nine Newport Water Supply Reservoirs?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Has the applicant previously developed a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) and is going to implement it under this contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Does the applicant have an RMS plan prepared by or for USDA?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. Is the applicant addressing all water quality and/or water quantity resource concerns on the property through this application?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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13. The applicant will implement or maintain a riparian buffer (herbaceous or woody) on all water bodies adjacent to agricultural land through the EQIP contract that is:	
13. a. At least 50 feet wide?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. b. At least 35 feet, but less than 50 feet wide?	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:
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>

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:

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