

**2021 ACEP - WETLAND RESERVE EASEMENT (WRE)
SITE EVALUATION RANKING QUESTIONS**

A. What percent of offered acres is Prior Converted (PC)?

1. 76 to 100%
2. 51 to 75%
3. 26 to 50%
4. 0 to 25%

B. Does the offered acres have an adequate source of hydrology?

1. Playa Lakes and other natural depressions:
2. Majority (>50%) of the enrolled area receives annual flooding from overbanks or tidal surge:
3. Majority (>50%) of the enrolled area receives frequent (at least 3 of 5 years) overbank or tidal surge:
4. Majority (>50%) of the enrolled acres historically contained saturated soils due to groundwater or water table conditions or lack of flooding:

C. What is the source of degradation of the wetland?

1. Main ditches, field ditches, lateral ditches, levees, water control structures, or land leveling
2. Depressional wetlands with pits draining the wetland or ditches impacting the wetland
3. Depressional wetlands with fill impacting the wetland
4. Farmed, Grazed, or Hayed (all wetland types), or channelized watershed

D. What is the proximity to Protected Areas?

1. Adjacent to protected area
2. Within 1 mile
3. Greater than 1 mile and less than 3 miles
4. Greater than 3 miles

E. What is the benefit to Threatened and Endangered species?

1. Direct Benefit
2. Indirect Benefit
3. No Benefit

F. Does the enrollment create a corridor for wildlife?

1. YES
2. NO

G. How many total contiguous acres in the offer?

1. 500 acres and greater
2. 250 to 499 acres
3. 100 to 249 acres
4. Less than 100 acres

H. What is the historic land use?

1. Row Crop, Small Grain and other Annual Crops
2. Pasture, Range or Perennial Hayland
3. Forestland
4. Existing Wetland and/or no use within last 5 years

I. Does the enrollment contribute to an impaired watershed?

1. YES
2. NO

J. What percentage of total enrolled area meets eligible land criteria?

1. 76 to 100%
2. 51 to 75%
3. 26 to 50%
4. 0 to 25%

K. Does the enrolled area include a conservation buffer?

1. YES
2. NO

L. Did landowner make an offer lower than the NRCS GARC offer for the property in the enrollment?

1. 40% and greater
2. 30 to 39%
3. 20 to 29%
4. 10 to 19%
5. 1 to 9%
6. 0%

M. What is the total estimated restoration cost for restoring the wetland per acre?

1. Less than 250 dollars per acre
2. Greater than 250 dollars but less than 500 dollars per acre
3. Greater than 500 dollars per acre

N. What is the environmental benefit per easement cost factor?

1. .12 and greater
2. .10 to .11
3. .06 to .09
4. Less than .06

O. Will there be structures that require operation and maintenance? (Deduction)

1. Fencing on a frequently flooded soil
2. Fencing on an occasionally flooded soil or no flood class
3. Access road or stream
4. Water control structure or GSS
5. Dike < 1.5 ft high
6. Dike 1.5 - 2.5 ft high
7. Dike > 2.5 ft high
8. Invasive species if control is planned or anticipated after 3 years. www.texasinvasives.org

P. What is the known or observed drilling or exploration in the vicinity in the past 12 months that could impact restoration? (Deduction)

1. On subject property
2. Adjacent to subject property
3. Within 1 mile of subject property
4. Within 10 miles of subject property
5. Within the County
6. None within County

Q. Are there existing easements or reserved rights on the property. If so, what percentage of the enrollment? (Deduction)

1. 0%
2. Greater than 0 to 3%
3. 4 to 7%
4. 8 to 10%
5. 11 to 15%
6. 16 to 20% If exceeds 20% contact state easement program manager