

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

GLRI-Nearshore Health 16/17

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: GLRI-Nearshore Health 16/17		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 the 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-level questions.	
1. Is the program application for development of a CAP for Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (102), Nutrient Management Plan (104), or Drainage Water Management Plan (130)? If answer is “Yes,” do not answer any other State-level questions. If the answer is “No,” proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Phosphorus Priority:	
2. Is the program application located in a phosphorus priority watershed?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Watershed Impacts:	
3. Does the program application include core conservation practices planned for phosphorus reduction within an existing State agency or other non-USDA water quality project area (Example: State or county watershed plan, NGO focus watershed) that addresses the same or similar watershed impairments (excess nutrients or sediment)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Collaborative Efforts - Edge of Field Monitoring:	
4. Does the program application include core conservation practices planned for phosphorus reduction within a phosphorus priority watershed that has a joint NRCS/USGS edge of field and stream monitoring project in place (or scheduled to be in place) and located upstream of the stream gauge?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health – Will the program application result in improved soil health by (select all that apply):	
5. 5a. Implementing Residue Management (329 and/or 345 for all crops), and basic, enhanced, or advanced nutrient management on acres not previously using these practices or if being implemented to reach a higher level of nutrient reduction than previously achieved within GLRI-identified priority watersheds?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. 5b. Implementing Cover Crop (340) on acres not previously using this practice within GLRI-identified priority watersheds?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Drainage Water Management:	
6. Will the program application include practices that result in lowered phosphorus loading through Drainage Water Management (554)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. 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	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

remaining questions in this section.	
2. A practice included in the application when installed will be utilized as a conservation training site for the public (ex. Demonstration Farms Network)? 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"/>
3. Application includes a field or planning unit where a conservation systems approach will be implemented with 3 or more of the following practices either already implemented or as part of the application. Practices eligible include: 1. Cover Crop-340 2. Buffer (Filter Strip-393 or Riparian Forest Buffer-391) 3. Grassed Waterway-412 or WASC0B-638 4. Residue and Tillage Management-329 (No-Till/Strip Till) used for all crops in the rotation or a system that does not require tillage. 5. Nutrient Management-590 (Enhanced)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Application includes a field or planning unit where a conservation systems approach will be implemented with 4 or more of the following practices either already implemented or as part of the application. Answering yes would also result in a yes to Question #3. Practices eligible include: 1. Cover Crop-340 2. Buffer (Filter Strip-393 or Riparian Forest Buffer-391) 3. Grassed Waterway-412 or WASC0B-638 4. Residue and Tillage Management-329 (No-Till/Strip Till) used for all crops in the rotation or a system that does not require tillage. 5. Nutrient Management-590 (Enhanced)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Application includes cover crop practice with a scenario that has 3 or more species in the mix in increase plant diversity and includes at least one grass and one legume in the mix.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Application includes conversion of cropland into grass cover for the purpose of prescribed grazing or the conversion of continuously grazed pasture to prescribed grazing.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Project has proceeded through Step 8 (Implement the Plan) of the Planning Process by the application batching date. Step 8 includes obtaining necessary permits, surveys, and final designs prior to construction or implementation. CPA-52 is complete through part S.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

<p>Efficiency:</p> <p>Local Issues:</p> <p>State Issues:</p> <p>National Issues:</p> <p>Final Ranking Score:</p>

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:

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