

**307.20 Exhibit D Great Lakes Restoration Initiative**

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

*A Screening Worksheet must be completed for each eligible EQIP application.*

Instructions:

This screening worksheet must be completed for each eligible producer applying for EQIP Great Lakes Restoration Initiative assistance. Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis; however, application periods are established for purposes of evaluation, ranking, and funding decisions. The goal of this screening tool is to ensure that conservation technical assistance and the EQIP 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 program benefits nor approval of a program contract. The original screening worksheet should be filed with the applicant case file or EQIP 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 any completed screening worksheet may be provided to the applicant.

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

Applicant Name:		County:	
Application No.:		Field Office:	
Evaluator Name:		Date:	

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

<p><u>High Priority Category:</u></p> <p>All of the conservation practices requested in the application will be implemented on land physically located inside the GLRI 8-digit Nearshore or 12 digit Phosphorus watersheds, -AND- The application includes at least two of the following “core” conservation practices: Cover Crop (340), Nutrient Management (590), Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till (329), Grassed Waterway (412) – OR – A Waste Storage facility (313) with at least one of the following “core” conservation practices: Cover Crop (340), Nutrient Management (590) and Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till (329), Grassed Waterway (412) – OR – Drainage Water Management (554) with at least one of the following “core” conservation practices: Cover Crop (340), Nutrient Management (590), Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till (329), – OR – The application is for a conservation activity plan (CAP).</p>	High Priority Status in ProTracts
<p><u>Medium Priority Category:</u></p> <p>All of the conservation practices requested in the application will be applied on land physically located inside the GLRI 8-digit or 12-digit watershed, AND The application contains at least one “core” conservation practice.</p>	Medium Priority Status in ProTracts
<p><u>Medium Priority Category 2:</u></p> <p>One or more of the conservation practices requested in the application will be applied on land physically located outside the GLRI watershed 8-digit or 12-digit watershed, AND The application contains at least one “core” conservation practice located inside the GLRI 8-digit or 12-digit watershed.</p>	Medium Priority Status in ProTracts
<p><u>Low Priority Category:</u></p> <p>All of the application acres are located on land that is <u>not</u> within the boundaries of the approved watersheds (8-digit HUC or 12-digit HUC) for the GLRI (enter application in ProTracts, but do not rank; offer alternative program assistance). All other applications – Low-priority applications <u>will not</u> be ranked for FY 2015 GLRI</p>	Low Priority Status in ProTracts

The priority determination of high, medium, or low must be recorded in ProTracts for this applicant.

Note: “Low” priority applications will only be ranked once all “High” and “Medium” applications have been completed and if funds are still remaining.