

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

WLEB

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: WLEB	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
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1. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? 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. (400 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Are any of the following Resource Concerns identified on the farm, and the producer agrees to implement a Conservation Plan to meet the respective Planning Criteria? Award points under 2.1 - 2.8 for the Resource Concerns identified on the offered acres that will be addressed with this application. Select ALL that apply. (52 Points Max)	
1. SOIL EROSION - Sheet, Rill, and Wind erosion - Sheet and Rill	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. SOIL EROSION - Sheet, Rill, and Wind erosion - Wind	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. SOIL EROSION - Concentrated Flow Erosion - Ephemeral Gullies	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. SOIL EROSION - Concentrated Flow Erosion - Classic Gullies	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. SOIL QUALITY DEGRADATION - Organic Matter Depletion	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. SOIL QUALITY DEGRADATION - Compaction	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION - Excess nutrients in surface waters	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION - Excess sediment in surface waters	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
What are the soil test phosphorus levels (as verified by any sample size of any age on any of the offered acres)? and will practices be included in the application to reduce phosphorus losses? Pick ONE of the following based on soil test results presented by the applicant. (80 Points Max)	
1. > 200 PPM	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. 100 - 200 PPM	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. No soil tests available	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. 40 - 100 PPM	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. < 40 PPM	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Are there tile risers/catch basins/tile blow holes on the offered acres, and will the application include any of the planned treatments? Award points under 4.1 - 4.4 for any/all practices that will be implemented with this application for the identified Resource Concerns. Select ALL that apply. (60 Points Max)	
1. Blind Inlets meeting the 620 standard?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. The drainage area will be managed using annual no-till/strip-till meeting the 329 standard + annually	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

planted cover crops meeting the 340 standard?	
3. Precision nutrient management with phosphorus injected meeting the 590 standard?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Application setbacks of 20 feet (min) from the direct conduits will be followed?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Which of the following phosphorus management strategies will be used for the majority of the phosphorus rate on at least 50% of the acres included in the application for all crops in the rotation? Pick ONE of the following phosphorus management strategies. (60 Point Max)	
1. Phosphorus will be injected/banded in the summer following wheat harvest with a cover crop; or no phosphorus will be applied (i.e. - drawdown strategy)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Phosphorus will be injected or broadcast and immediately incorporated and a cover crop seeded?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Phosphorus will be injected/banded at planting?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Phosphorus will be injected/banded in the spring prior to planting?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Phosphorus will be injected during fall strip tillage operations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Phosphorus will be broadcast and incorporated within 48 hours?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. None of the above.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Which of the following soil health management systems practices are planned ANNUALLY for the acres included in this application? Select ALL that apply. (60 Points Max)	
1. Cover Crops meeting the 340 standard will be seeded on at least 25% of the offered acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Continuous no till/strip till meeting the 329 standard will be used on all crops on at least 25% of the offered acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Winter wheat or other cereal grain or legume/hay crop will be in the rotation on at least 10% of the offered acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Buffers or perennial vegetation will be established around all surface waters or other critical areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Which of the following practices will be implemented as part of this application for the identified Resource Concerns? Select ALL that apply. (40 Points Max)	
1. 2-stage ditches meeting the 582 standard?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Denitrifying Bioreactor meeting the 605 standard?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Nutrient-filtering wetlands meeting the 656 standard?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Drainage Water Management meeting the 554 standard?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Transitioning intensive tillage into "seasonal no-till" = at least 1 crop is produced with no-till (STIR < 20) and no crop in the rotation is conventionally tilled (STIR < 80)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Waste Storage Facility meeting the 313 standard?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Percentage of the offered acres rated as 'High' or 'Moderately High' for SURFACE RUNOFF (NRCS CEAP Soil Vulnerability Index). Pick the ONE response that reflects the percentage of acres. (8 Points Max)	
1. 100%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. 50% - 99%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. 25% - 49%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. 1% - 24%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. 0%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Percentage of the offered acres rated as 'High' or 'Moderately High' for LEACHING (NRCS CEAP Soil Vulnerability Index). Pick the ONE response that reflects the percentage of acres. (8 Points Max)	
1. 100%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. 50% - 99%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. 25% - 49%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. 1% - 24%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. 0%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Conservation Planning Priority. Select ALL that apply. (20 Points Max)	
1. Does the farm have a current Conservation Plan that was approved prior to March 1, 2016 and will this application result in the implementation of that plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

2. Will the application result in the implementation of a previously completed plan that meets NRCS Conservation Activity Plan criteria?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Location (12 Points Max)	
1. Are at least 50% of the offered acres within the Maumee River or the Portage River (Ohio) watershed?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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Local Ranking Questions. Select ALL that apply. (250 Points Max)	
1. Will this application utilize EQIP funds to install Underground Outlets (620)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will this application utilize EQIP funds to install a Structure for Water Control (587) and/or Drainage Water Management (554)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will this application utilize EQIP funds to implement Cover Crop (340) non-winter kill species on the acreage for 3 consecutive years?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will this application utilize EQIP funds to implement a Conservation Crop Rotation (328) that provides additional high residue?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will this application utilize EQIP funds to implement Nutrient Management (590) for placement of nutrients below the soil surface for all phosphorus applications?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will this application utilize EQIP funds to install a Conservation Cover (327), Filter Strips (393), Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390), or Riparian Forest Buffer (391) adjacent to a stream, ditch, tile inlet, or sensitive area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Will this application utilize EQIP funds to install a Grassed Waterway (412) to prevent gully formation or protect/improve water quality?	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:
Final Ranking Score:

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:

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