

**WETLANDS RESERVE PROGRAM
INDIANA
PRELIMINARY PLAN AND RANKING FORM
(Revised June 2000)**

GENERAL INFORMATION

COUNTY: _____

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

FARM NO: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TRACT NO: _____

TYPE OF EASEMENT: (check one)
(check one)

TYPE OF OWNERSHIP:

Permanent: _____

Private:

30 Year: _____

Organization:

Restoration Only: _____

Government:

PORTION OF TRACT ENTERED INTO WRP EASEMENT: (check one)

Whole Tract: _____ Portion of Tract: _____

SUMMARY OF RANKING FACTOR SCORES

1. LOCATION SCORE	Max 10 pts.	_____ pts.
2. WILDLIFE SCORE	Max 40 pts.	_____ pts.
3. HYDROLOGY SCORE	Max 90 pts.	_____ pts.
4. VEGETATION SCORE	Max 15 pts.	_____ pts.
5. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE SCORE	Max 10 pts.	_____ pts.
6. GEOGRAPHIC SCORE	Max 25 pts.	_____ pts.
7. EASEMENT COST FACTOR	Max 30 pts.	_____ pts.
8. CROPPING HISTORY	Max 30 pts.	_____ pts.
TOTAL SCORE:	Max 250 pts.	_____ pts.

SIGNATURES

Landowner – Signature
Date

Date

FWS – Signature

NRCS – Signature

Date

Date

EASEMENT AREA INFORMATION

LOCATION: Section _____
Township _____
Range _____
Quad _____

Latitude _____
Longitude _____
HUA _____
(14 digit code)

EASEMENT AREA:
ELIGIBLE ACRES

OTHER ELIGIBLE ACRES

PC: _____
FW: _____
Riparian: _____
CRP: _____
Other: _____

Natural Wetlands: _____
Adjacent Uplands: _____
Riparian: _____
CRP: _____
Other: _____

Subtotal: _____

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TOTAL EASEMENT AREA: _____

DONATED ACRES: _____ (Land donated by landowner in which they will not receive an easement payment)

Cowardin Classification for “ELIGIBLE ACRES”: Before: _____ After: _____

How will the “OTHER ELIGIBLE ACRES” contribute to the functions and values of the wetland to be restored?

If the easement area is being enrolled as a riparian corridor, is the area dependent upon the acceptance of other “ASSOCIATED CONTRACTS”? YES _____ NO _____

If yes, list application number(s): _____

RANKING FACTORS

(Circle and record the appropriate point value)

1. LOCATION

- Contiguous with a permanently protected area..... 10 pts.
- Within 0.0 – 0.5 mile of a permanently protected area..... 8 pts.
- Within 0.5 – 2.5 miles of a permanently protected area 6 pts.
- Within 2.5 – 5.0 miles of a permanently protected area 4 pts.
- Greater than 5 miles from a permanently protected area..... 2 pts.

LOCATION SCORE: _____ pts.

2. WILDLIFE

- A. Federally or State listed threatened, endangered or conservation agreement species located on or adjacent to the site..... 20 pts.

- B. Forested sites: Site would significantly reduce habitat fragmentation..... 5 pts.

Emergent sites: Site contributes to a wetland complex 5 pts.

- C. Forested sites: Site is greater than 100 acres..... 15 pts.
Site is between 75 – 100 acres 12 pts.
Site is between 50 – 74 acres 8 pts.
Site is between 25 – 49 acres 4 pts.
Site is less than 25 acres..... 2 pts.
OR
Emergent sites: Site is greater than 50 acres..... 15 pts.
Site is between 30 – 49 acres 12 pts.
Site is between 15 – 29 acres 8 pts.
Site is between 10 – 14 acres 4 pts.
Site is less than 10 acres..... 2 pts.

NOTE: Add parts A, B, and C above to calculate the Wildlife Score.

WILDLIFE SCORE: _____ pts.

3. HYDROLOGY RESTORATION POTENTIAL

A. PERCENT OF TOTAL AREA THAT IS SUITED FOR HYDROLOGY RESTORATION

50% or greater of the total easement area is restorable	45 pts.
30 – 49% of the total easement area is restorable.....	35 pts.
20 – 29 % of the total easement area is restorable.....	25 pts.
10 – 19 % of the total easement area is restorable.....	10 pts.
Less than 10% of the total easement area is restorable.....	0 pts.

B. PERCENT OF ORIGINAL HYDROLOGY THAT IS RESTORABLE

75 % or greater of the site’s original hydrology is restorable.....	45 pts.
50 % to 74 % of the site’s original hydrology is restorable.....	35 pts.
25 % to 49 % of the site’s original hydrology is restorable.....	25 pts.
Less than 25% of the site’s original hydrology is restorable.....	10 pts.

NOTE: On sites where original hydrology is present and where only vegetation restoration is required, the maximum point value will be used. This situation would typically apply to floodplain areas.

Add parts A, and B above to calculate the Hydrology Score.

HYDROLOGY SCORE: _____pts.

4. VEGETATION RESTORATION POTENTIAL

POTHOLE SITES:

75% or greater of the site’s original vegetation is restorable.....	15 pts.
50% to 74% of the site’s original vegetation is restorable.....	10 pts.
25% to 49% of the site’s original vegetation is restorable.....	5 pts.
Less than 25% of the site’s original vegetation is restorable.....	2 pts.

FOREST SITES:

50% of the site would be planted to a mixture of hard mast producing trees.....	15 pts.
25% to 49% of the site would be planted to a mixture of hard mast producing trees.....	10 pts.
Less than 25% of the site would be planted to a mixture of hard mast producing trees.....	5 pts.
The area would be allowed to naturally regenerate	0 pts.

NOTE: Areas where the planning team determines that tree planting is not practical due to flooding or excessive wetness, and will naturally regenerate (typically, floodplain sites), will receive the maximum number of points.

VEGETATION SCORE: _____ pts.

5. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Minimal or no management of restored site will be required to maintain the original wetland conditions. Only normal oversight, clean-up, and protection activities are required..... 10 pts.

Infrequent maintenance is required to maintain the wetland conditions. A greater than 10 year cycle is required for (a) repair and replacement of water control structures, or (b) noxious (or exotic) weed control 8 pts.

Long-term, intensive management is required to maintain or mimic the original wetland conditions. Management requires (a) seasonal manipulation of water control structures, (b) vegetation management with fire or disking on less than a 10-year cycle, or (c) repair or replacement of dikes on less than a 10-year cycle..... 3 pts.

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE SCORE: _____ pts.

NOTE: If an organization is willing to sign an agreement to maintain a management system for the landowner, the maximum number of points (10) will be given regardless of the intensity of management required.

6. GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS REGIONS

See attached list of FOCUS REGIONS and the PRIORITY AREAS within each region.

FOCUS REGIONS

- Regions I & II weighting factor = 5
- Regions III..... weighting factor = 4
- *Region IV weighting factor = 2

PRIORITY AREAS

- Priority 1 5 pts.
- Priority 2..... 4 pts.
- Priority 3..... 3 pts.
- Priority 4..... 2 pts.

***REGION IV ONLY:**

All sites have a Priority 3 ranking..... 3 pts.

Sites which have a combined score of 135 points or greater for
Ranking Factors 1 thru 4, receive 10 additional points 10 pts.

GEOGRAPHIC SCORE:

____ (focus region) x ____ (priority area)] + ____ (add'l pts. - Region IV only) =
_____ pts.

7. EASEMENT COST FACTOR (weighting factor of 2)

$[(1500 - \text{*easement cost per acre}) - (\text{total restoration cost}/\text{total easement acres})]/100$

NOTE: Please show work.

EASEMENT COST FACTOR SCORE: _____ x 2 = _____ pts.
(Round to nearest .1)

*For easement cost per acre use bid amount or \$1000.00 per acre whichever is lower.

8. NUMBER OF YEARS SINCE LAST CROPPING OR FORAGE

0 – 5 years 30 pts.
5 to 10 years 5 pts.
Greater than 10 years 1 pt.

CROPPING HISTORY SCORE: _____ pts.

LANDOWNER'S OBJECTIVES:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The following will be included with the application package:

- 1. RESTORATION COST ESTIMATE:**
- 2. APPLICATION CHECKLIST:**
- 3. SUPPLEMENTAL PRACTICES:** List practices which will be applied to enhance the restoration area (i.e. boardwalks, wood duck boxes, signs, etc.)
- 4. RESTORATION PLAN MAP:** Before Restoration; After Restoration
- 5. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

- 6. LANDOWNER'S BID (Attach bid if applicable):**

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKAGE TO:

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