

**WETLANDS RESERVE PROGRAM  
INDIANA  
PRELIMINARY PLAN AND RANKING FORM  
(Revised June 2004)**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FARM NO: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ TRACT NO: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF EASEMENT: (check one) TYPE OF OWNERSHIP: (check one)  
Permanent: \_\_\_\_\_ Private: \_\_\_\_\_  
30 Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Restoration Only: \_\_\_\_\_ Government: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUMMARY OF RANKING FACTOR SCORES**

1. LOCATION SCORE	<b>Max 10 pts.</b>	_____ pts.
2. WILDLIFE SCORE	<b>Max 40 pts.</b>	_____ pts.
3. HYDROLOGY SCORE	<b>Max 90 pts.</b>	_____ pts.
4. VEGETATION SCORE	<b>Max 15 pts.</b>	_____ pts.
5. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE SCORE	<b>Max 10 pts.</b>	_____ pts.
6. GEOGRAPHIC SCORE	<b>Max 25 pts.</b>	_____ pts.
7. EASEMENT COST FACTOR	<b>Max 60 pts.</b>	_____ pts.
8. CROPPING HISTORY	<b>Max 30 pts.</b>	_____ pts.
9. WATER QUALITY SCORE	<b>Max 15 pts.</b>	_____ pts.
<b>TOTAL SCORE:</b>	<b>Max 295 pts.</b>	_____ pts.

**SIGNATURES**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Landowner – Signature                      Date                      FWS – Signature                      Date

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NRCS – Signature                      Date                      IDNR - Signature                      Date

**EASEMENT AREA INFORMATION**

LOCATION: Section \_\_\_\_\_ Latitude \_\_\_\_\_  
Township \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude \_\_\_\_\_  
Range \_\_\_\_\_ HUA \_\_\_\_\_  
Quad \_\_\_\_\_ (14 digit code)

PORTION OF TRACT ENTERED INTO WRP EASEMENT: (check one)  
Whole Tract: \_\_\_\_\_ Portion of Tract: \_\_\_\_\_

EASEMENT AREA:	ELIGIBLE ACRES	OTHER ELIGIBLE ACRES
PC:	_____	Natural Wetlands: _____
FW:	_____	Adjacent Uplands: _____
Riparian:	_____	Riparian: _____
CRP:	_____	CRP: _____
Other:	_____	Other: _____
Subtotal:	_____	Subtotal: _____

**TOTAL EASEMENT AREA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DONATED ACRES:** \_\_\_\_\_

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? \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 (**List if known**) ..... 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.
- 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.

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

**HYDROLOGY SCORE:** \_\_\_\_\_ pts.

**4. VEGETATION RESTORATION POTENTIAL**

**EMERGENT SITES:**

- 75% or greater of the site’s original hydrology is restorable ..... 15 pts.
- 50% to 74% of the site’s original hydrology is restorable ..... 10 pts.
- 25% to 49% of the site’s original hydrology is restorable ..... 5 pts.
- Less than 25% of the site’s original hydrology 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, 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)**

$$[(3000 - \text{easement cost per acre}) - (\text{total restoration cost}/\text{total easement acres})]/100$$

**NOTE:** Please show work.

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

For easement cost per acre use bid amount or \$2000.00 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.

**9. WATER QUALITY**

- A. Natural & Scenic Rivers and Outstanding State Waters and “Species at Risk” ..... 5 pts.
- B. Vulnerable Groundwater Resources and Karst ..... 5 pts.
- C. Watersheds for Community Surface Water Supplies ..... 5 pts.

NOTE: Add A, B and C to calculate the Water Quality Score.

**WATER QUALITY SCORE:** \_\_\_\_\_pts.

LANDOWNER’S OBJECTIVES:

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<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b>
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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:**

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

**SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKAGE TO:**

**Gerald Roach, Wetlands Reserve Program Coordinator**  
**Natural Resources Conservation Service**  
**656 S. Boatman Road, Suite 3**  
**Scottsburg, IN 47170**  
**Phone: (812) 752-2269**  
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