

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

SW All Land Uses

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: SW All Land Uses		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas (http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5% and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c. Implement precision agricultural methods?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. e. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with more efficient equipment?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

7. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that reduce emissions from GHGs and air pollutants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
8. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Does the applicant meet the following conditions:	
9. a. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. This application will result in the application of all the measures of an existing CNMP or other Activity-Based Plan. (45 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. This application will result in the following 4 items implemented as a system on the same land unit in at least 3 consecutive years: a. Continuous No-Till meeting the 329 standard; b. Nutrient Management/Waste Utilization meeting the 590/633 standards (No fall commercial nitrogen applications for spring-seeded crops unless an inhibitor is used; DAP and MAP are allowed); c. Cover Crops (unharvested); and d. Buffers adjacent to all water bodies and on at least 2 percent of the land unit acres. (50 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. This application will address a ground or surface water quality concern in a 303(d) watershed identified using the FY12 Ranking Tool (Question 3(1) or Question 3(2)), or a watershed with a developed TMDL for non-point source impairment. (36 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Any part of the application acres lies in one or more priority resource concern areas listed in the FY11 Indiana State Resource Assessment, as identified through the FY12 Ranking Tool and practices in the application address one or more of those resource concerns. (20 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. This application will address a surface water quality resource concern and is located within a Surface Drinking Watershed Area identified through the FY12 Ranking Tool. (34 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. This application will address a groundwater quality resource concern and the offered acreage is within the Indiana karst region OR the offered acreage contains soils with a Leachability Index of 10 or higher as identified through the FY12 Ranking Tool.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. This application is based on a Conservation Plan/Conservation Activity Plan that has been approved by the producer prior to October 1, 2011. (25 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. This application will address an existing invasives species concern and where applicable will occur in concert with neighboring landowners also addressing invasive species. (20 points) a. To receive points for this question, one of the following must apply: i. applicant's treatment area is adjacent to neighboring areas with invasive species concerns, and all parties have a signed Conservation Plan/CAP to treat invasive species (314, 315, or 595). ii. applicant's treatment area is isolated from other similar habitat (e.g. wooded area surrounded by crop fields). In these cases, points can be awarded without neighbor collaboration.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. This application will address an existing resource concern caused by the production of specialty crops (including USDA Certified Organic). (32 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. This application will address existing resource concerns using forestry practices per the Indiana EQIP Guidelines. (25 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. This application will use only wildlife friendly grasses (as identified by the FOTG Standard 645) for vegetative practices. (20 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. This application is from an applicant (by Tax ID number) who has not participated in EQIP in the past, or if they have had a prior-approved contract, it is/has been in good standing. (33 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. This application includes one of the following practices: 340, 554, 647, 592, 449, 590, 595, 528, 329, 345, 585, 633, and/or 644 and the applicant (by Tax ID number) has not received EQIP Financial Assistance for the same practice scenario within the last 5 years. (35 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. Has the applicant (by Tax ID number) had prior year EQIP, WHIP, or CSP contracts which were cancelled	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

or terminated due to contract violation(s) within the past three program years?	
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Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
This application will address the most important local resource priority. (57 Points)	
1. Brown : Productivity, Health and Vigor Clay : 1-Sheet and Rill Daviess : 1-Sheet and Rill Dubois : 1-Ephemeral Gully Gibson : 1-Sheet and Rill Greene : 1-Noxious and Invasive Plants Johnson : 1-Surface Water – Excessive Nutrients and Organics Knox : 1-Sheet and Rill Martin : 1-Sheet and Rill Monroe : Productivity, Health and Vigor Morgan : 1-Sheet and Rill Owen : 1-Noxious and Invasive Plants Parke : 1-Surface Water – Excessive Suspended Sediment and Turbidity Perry : 1-Surface Water – Excessive Nutrients and Organics Pike : 1-Sheet and Rill Posey : 1-Ephemeral Gully Putnam : 1-Sheet and Rill Spencer : 1-Surface Water – Excessive Nutrients and Organics Sullivan : 1-Sheet and Rill Vanderburgh : 1-Sheet and Rill Vermillion : 1-Surface Water – Excessive Suspended Sediment and Turbidity Vigo : 1-Sheet and Rill Warrick : 1-Productivity, Health and Vigor	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
This application will address the second-most important local resource priority. (40 Points)	
1. Brown : Noxious and Invasive Plants Clay : Ephemeral Gully Daviess : Organic Matter Depletion Dubois : Classic Gully Gibson : Classic Gully Greene : Surface Water – Excessive Suspended Sediment and Turbidity Johnson : Sheet and Rill Knox : Ephemeral Gully Martin : Ephemeral Gully Monroe : Inadequate Stock Water Morgan : Ephemeral Gully Owen : Classic Gully Parke : Surface Water – Excessive Nutrients and Organics Perry : Classic Gully Pike : Ephemeral Gully Posey : Sheet and Rill Putnam : Ephemeral Gully Spencer : Sheet and Rill Sullivan : Ephemeral Gully Vanderburgh : Ephemeral Gully Vermillion : Sheet and Rill Vigo : Surface Water – Excessive Suspended Sediment Accumulation Warrick : Reduced Storage of Water Bodies by Sediment Accumulation	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
This application will address the third-most important local resource priority. (35 Points)	
1. Brown : Forage Quality and Palatability Clay : Surface Water – Excessive Suspended Sediment and Turbidity Daviess : Surface Water – Excessive Suspended Sediment and Turbidity Dubois : Contaminants – Animal Waste and Other Organics Gibson : Ephemeral Gully Greene : Sheet and Rill Johnson : Inadequate Quantities and Quality of Feed and Forage Knox : Contaminants – Commercial Fertilizer Martin : Organic Matter Depletion Monroe : Noxious and Invasive Plants Morgan : Surface Water – Excessive Suspended Sediment and Turbidity Owen : Ephemeral Gully Parke : Sheet and Rill Perry : Sheet and Rill Pike : Classic Gully Posey : Classic Gully Putnam : Groundwater – Harmful Levels of Pesticides Spencer : Classic Gully Sullivan : Classic Gully Vanderburgh : Classic Gully Vermillion : Surface Water – Excessive Nutrients and Organics Vigo : Ephemeral Gully Warrick : Noxious and Invasive Plants	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
This application will address the fourth-most important local resource priority. (30 Points)	
1. Brown : Classic Gully Clay : Groundwater – Excessive Nutrients & Organics Daviess : Inadequate Cover/Shelter Dubois : Forage Quality & Palatability Gibson : SW – Excessive Suspended Sediment & Turbidity Greene : Organic Matter Depletion Johnson : Productivity, Health & Vigor Knox : SW – Excessive Nutrients & Organics Martin : SW – Excessive Suspended Sediment Accumulation Monroe : Forage Quality & Palatability Morgan : Productivity, Health & Vigor Owen : Groundwater – Harmful Levels of Pesticides Parke : Ephemeral Gully Perry : Productivity, Health & Vigor Pike : Compaction Posey : SW – Excessive Suspended Sediment & Turbidity Putnam : Compaction Spencer : Organic Matter Depletion Sullivan : SW – Excessive Suspended Sediment & Turbidity V&erburgh : SW – Excessive Suspended Sediment & Turbidity Vermillion : Compaction Vigo : Compaction Warrick : Ephemeral Gully	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
This application will address the fifth-most important local resource priority. (25 Points)	
1. Brown : OM Depletion Clay : OM Depletion Daviess : Contaminants – Animal Waste & Other Organics Dubois : Inadequate Stock Water Gibson : Soil Erosion-Wind Greene : SW – Excessive Nutrients & Organics Johnson : Ephemeral Gully Knox : SW – Excessive Suspended Sediment & Turbidity Martin : Contaminants – Animal Waste & Other Organics Monroe : Sheet & Rill Morgan : Noxious & Invasive Plants Owen : GW – Excessive Nutrients & Organics Parke : OM Depletion Perry : OM Depletion Pike : SW – Excessive Suspended Sediment & Turbidity Posey : SW – Excessive Nutrients & Organics Putnam : Noxious & Invasive Plants Spencer : Productivity, Health & Vigor Sullivan : Noxious & Invasive Plants V&erburgh : SW – Excessive Nutrients & Organics Vermillion : OM Depletion Vigo : OM Depletion Warrick : SW – Excessive Suspended Sediment & Turbidity	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
This application will address the sixth-most important local resource priority. (20 Points)	
1. Brown : SW – Ex Suspended Sediment & Turbidity Clay : SW – Ex Nutrients & Organics Daviess :	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

<p>GW – Ex Nutrients & Organics Dubois : SW – Ex Suspended Sediment & Turbidity Gibson : SW – Ex Nutrients & Organics Greene : Ephemeral Gully Johnson : SW – Ex Suspended Sediment & Turbidity Knox : Inefficient Water Use on Irrigated L& Martin : Productivity, Health & Vigor Monroe : Organic Matter Depletion Morgan : SW – Ex Nutrients & Organics Owen : SW – Ex Suspended Sediment & Turbidity Parke : GW – Ex Nutrients & Organics Perry : Noxious & Invasive Plants Pike : Organic Matter Depletion Posey : Contaminants – Commercial Fertilizer Putnam : GW – Ex Nutrients & Organics Spencer : SW – Ex Suspended Sediment & Turbidity Sullivan : SW – Ex Nutrients & Organics V&erburgh : Organic Matter Depletion Vermillion : Ephemeral Gully Vigo : Productivity, Health & Vigor Warrick : Classic Gully</p>	
<p>This application will address the seventh-most important local resource priority. (17 Points)</p>	
<p>1. Brown : Compaction Clay : Productivity, Health & Vigor Daviess : Productivity, Health & Vigor Dubois : Surface Water – Excessive Nutrients & Organics Gibson : Groundwater – Excessive Nutrients & Organics Greene : Classic Gully Johnson : Inadequate Stock Water Knox : Surface Water – Harmful Levels of Pesticides Martin : Surface Water – Excessive Nutrients & Organics Monroe : Excessive Greenhouse Gas – CO2 – carbon dioxide Morgan : Groundwater – Excessive Nutrients & Organics Owen : Compaction Parke : Compaction Perry : Inadequate Quantities & Quality of Feed & Forage Pike : Noxious & Invasive Plants Posey : Compaction Putnam : Surface Water – Harmful Levels of Pesticides Spencer : Inadequate Quantities & Quality of Feed & Forage Sullivan : 14-digit priority watershed V&erburgh : Compaction Vermillion : Inadequate Stock Water Vigo : Noxious & Invasive Plants Warrick : Sheet & Rill</p>	<p>Yes O or No O</p>
<p>This application will address the eighth-most important local resource priority. (12 Points)</p>	
<p>1. Brown : Inadequate Stock Water Clay : Contaminants – Commercial Fertilizer Daviess : Inadequate Food Dubois : Reduced Storage of Water Bodies by Sediment Accumulation Gibson : Inefficient Water Use on Irrigated L& Greene : Plant Community Fragmentation Johnson : Noxious & Invasive Plants Knox : Compaction Martin : Inadequate Quantities & Quality of Feed & Forage Monroe : Compaction Morgan : Inadequate Quantities & Quality of Feed & Forage Owen : Sheet & Rill Parke : Productivity, Health & Vigor Perry : SW – Excessive Suspended Sediment & Turbidity Pike : Particulate matter less than 2.5 micrometers in diameter Posey : OM Depletion Putnam : Productivity, Health & Vigor Spencer : Noxious & Invasive Plants Sullivan : Compaction Vanderburgh : Excessive Greenhouse Gas – CO2 – Carbon Dioxide Vermillion : Noxious & Invasive Plants Vigo : SW – Excessive Nutrients & Organics Warrick : OM Depletion</p>	<p>Yes O or No O</p>
<p>This application will address the ninth-most important local resource priority. (9 Points)</p>	
<p>1. Brown : Surface Water – Excessive Nutrients & Organics Clay : Classic Gully Daviess : Surface Water – Harmful Levels of Pesticides Dubois : Productivity, Health & Vigor Gibson : Noxious & Invasive Plants Greene : Contaminants – Animal Waste & Other Organics Johnson : Chemical Drift Knox : Organic Matter Depletion Martin : Inadequate Stock Water Monroe : Surface Water – Excessive Nutrients & Organics Morgan : Inadequate Stock Water Owen : Inadequate Stock Water Parke : Inadequate Cover/Shelter Perry : Inadequate Stock Water Pike : Forage Quality & Palatability Posey : Contaminants –Animal Waste & Other Organics Putnam : Surface Water – Excessive Suspended Sediment & Turbidity Spencer : Reduced Storage of Water Bodies by Sediment Accumulation Sullivan : Productivity, Health & Vigor Vanderburgh : Productivity, Health & Vigor Vermillion : Productivity, Health & Vigor Vigo : Classic Gully Warrick : Compaction</p>	<p>Yes O or No O</p>
<p>This application will address the tenth-most important local resource priority. (5 Points)</p>	
<p>1. Brown : Sheet and Rill Clay : Inadequate Stock Water Daviess : Inadequate Quantities and Quality of Feed and Forage Dubois : Surface Water – Harmful Levels of Pesticides Gibson : Inadequate Cover/Shelter Greene : 14-digit priority watershed Johnson : Groundwater – Excessive Nutrients and Organics Knox : Particulate matter – PM 10 Martin : Noxious and Invasive Plants Monroe : Excessive Greenhouse Gas – CH4 – methane Morgan : Chemical Drift Owen : Surface Water – Excessive Nutrients and Organics Parke : Plant Community Fragmentation Perry : Reduced Storage of Water Bodies by Sediment Accumulation Pike : 14-digit priority watershed Posey : Contaminants –Inefficient Water Use on Irrigated Land Putnam : Inadequate Cover/Shelter Spencer : Inadequate Stock Water Sullivan : Organic Matter depletion Vanderburgh : 14-digit priority watershed Vermillion : Inadequate Cover/Shelter Vigo : Inadequate Stock Water Warrick : Groundwater – Excessive Nutrients and Organics</p>	<p>Yes O or No O</p>

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