

WRP Pre-Screening and Pre-Ranking Tool

Landowner Name: _____

Date Interviewed: _____

By NRCS Employee/Partner: _____

1. Do you have legal clear title to the application land? Yes/1 or No/0
2. Has the title changed in past 7 consecutive years? Yes/0* or No/1
*Note: If answered YES, application is INELIGIBLE.
3. Does everyone on the deed (plus their spouses) agree to enrolling the land in WRP? Yes/1 or No/0
4. Is everyone on the deed AGI eligible for USDA Conservation Programs? Provide proof from FSA/subsidiary print for year of application. Yes/1 or No/0
5. Do you have access rights to the application land which can be granted to NRCS? Yes/1 or No/0
6. Does everyone on the deed understand the intent of the WRP program? (*Purpose and intent of WRP to restore*, protect and enhance wetlands on private and tribal lands while maximizing habitat benefits to attain habitat for migratory birds and other wetland dependent wildlife including T/E species and species of concern; protection of water quality, help reduce flooding; recharge ground water; protect open space, native flora and fauna, and Nation's natural heritage; and educational study.*) Yes/1 or No/0

*Note: According to WRP Manual (CPM 514.41 a-c), 70% of easement must be restored to natural/native communities (in accordance with NRCS Standard 657 Wetland Restoration) and no more than 30% of the easement can be restored to an "other"/alternative native community type (in accordance with NRCS Standard 659 Wetland Enhancement).

7. What restoration would you like to see on the application? What is your restoration objective?
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8. Will you provide maintenance for the easement? (examples: noxious weed control, fence repair, vegetative management if needed, non-encroachment enforcement, illegal trespass, etc.) Yes/1 or No/0
9. All uses not automatically granted in the easement warranty deed will require a Compatible Use Authorization approval from NRCS (examples: burning, food plot, haying, grazing, timber harvest, etc.). Does the landowner understand this? Yes/1 or No/0
10. Is the estimated \$ WRP offer amount acceptable? Yes/1 or No/0
11. Is the land currently enrolled in the CRP *wetland* program? Yes/1 or No/0
12. If land is enrolled in CRP, have you accepted an incentive payment (SIP or PIP) through CRP? Yes/0* or No/0

*Note: If landowner HAS accepted a SIP or PIP to enroll in CRP, inform them now, "If this property does become an easement you may be liable to pay back any SIP or PIP that you accepted through CRP. Please check with the FSA office for the exact payback requirements."

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| 13. Do you have documented wetland dependent T/E on your application? | Yes/3 | or | No/0 |
| 14. Does your application have any remnant prairies or fens? | Yes/3 | or | No/0 |
| 15. Is your application less than 35 acres? | Yes /* | or | No/0 |
| 16. Have you received a WRP offer on this application in the last 3 years? | Yes /* | or | No/0 |
| 17. Are you considering an in-holding in the application? | Yes /* | or | No/0 |
| *Note: If answer is "Yes" take total score up to this point and multiply by 0.5 | | | |
| 18. Is the land eligible for the WRP? | Yes/10 | or | No/0 |

Pre-Screening and Pre-Ranking Score _____ **(max 26 total points)**

Landowner Signature & Date: _____