

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary
GoMI Escambia River - General

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: GoMI Escambia River - General		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
For Cropland applications:	
1. Is ephemeral gully erosion or a classical (caving type) gully or critically eroding areas present on the offered area and is applicant willing to install practices necessary to treat the erosion and reduce off-site impacts?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Does the application include Residue and Tillage Management, No Till (329) or Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till (345) to help the applicant transition from a conventional tillage system that they are current performing?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Is applicant willing to adopt precision agriculture technology for both nutrients and pesticides at level 2?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Is applicant willing to use legumes included in a Cover Crop (340) on more than half of all the offered acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will all Class III, IV, V, or VIII cropland acres be converted to permanent cover (grass or trees) through the funding of this application?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
For Grazing applications:	
2. Is Prescribed Grazing (528) a financially-assisted Practice on this application?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will the funding of this contract include Practices to reduce/control invasive species (listed on Category I List of Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council List (http://flepc.org/list/11list.html))?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. With the funding of this contract will the applicant establish Heavy Use Area (561) protection on areas that have been damaged by livestock?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
For Forestry applications:	
1. Will Prescribed Burning (338) be a financially assisted Practice if application is funded?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Is Tree/Shrub Establishment (612) at low density (stocking rate 500 trees/acre or less) planned on at least half of the offered acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will Forest Stand Improvement (666) practices be planned?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the funding of this contract include Practices to reduce/control invasive species (listed on Category I List of Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council List (http://flepc.org/list/11list.html))?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
For Wildlife applications:	
1. Are the offered acres within 5 miles upstream of a stream segment designated by USFWS as habitat for aquatic T & E Species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the funding of this contract include Practices to reduce/control invasive species (listed on Category I List of Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council List (http://flepc.org/list/11list.html))?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. In areas where eligible invasive species will be controlled, is applicant willing to establish Forage and	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Biomass Planting (512) using native warm season perennial grasses on the treated area to protect it from erosion?	
4. Is Filter Strip (393), Field Border (386) or Riparian Forest Buffer (391) planned that directly benefit streams with known T & E Species (please consult T&E Species maps)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
General questions for All Applications:	
1. Does the applicant have a conservation plan at the time of ranking for the resource concerns that will be addressed through this application/contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Answer YES if applicant has NEVER had an EQIP contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Are all required job sheets and engineering designs completed and certified by a planner with appropriate JAA for all practices included in the application?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Has the applicant had an EQIP contract terminated within the last five years?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Does the application include: (Answer only 1 of these 4 questions).	
1. Will you be utilizing all 5 of these practices in your contract; Integrated Pest Management (595) or Nutrient Management (590), Residue Management (329 or 345), Field Border (386), Riparian Forest Buffer (391), Filter Strip (393) to address resource concerns on your land?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will you be utilizing 4 of these practices in your contract; Integrated Pest Management (595) or Nutrient Management (590), Residue Management (329 or 345), Field Border (386), Riparian Forest Buffer (391), Filter Strip (393) to address resource concerns on your land?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will you be utilizing 3 of these practices in your contract; Integrated Pest Management (595) or Nutrient Management (590), Residue Management (329 or 345), Field Border (386), Riparian Forest Buffer (391), Filter Strip (393) to address resource concerns on your land?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will you be utilizing 2 of these practices in your contract; Integrated Pest Management (595) or Nutrient Management (590), Residue Management (329 or 345), Field Border (386), Riparian Forest Buffer (391), Filter Strip (393) to address resource concerns on your land?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Does the application include: (Answer only 1 of these 2 questions).	
1. Will you be utilizing all 3 of these practices in your contract; Brush Management (314), Herbaceous Weed Control (315) for invasive species control, or Critical Area Planting (342) to address resource concerns on your land ?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will you be utilizing 2 of these 3 practices in your contract; Brush Management (314), Herbaceous Weed Control (315) for invasive species control, or Critical Area Planting (342) to address resource concerns on your land?	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: