

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Augusta Wildlife

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Augusta Wildlife		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
Occurrence of priority species that will be restored or managed for: Scores will be auto calculated by the 2016 EQIP Wildlife Ranking Worksheet	
1. a. The occurrence of priority species score greater than or equal to 100. (100pts)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. The occurrence of priority species score is between 60 and 99. (75pts)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. The occurrence of priority species score is between 40 and 59. (50pts)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. d. The occurrence of priority species score is between 20-39 (25pts)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Priority Watershed Occurrence: Scores will be auto calculated by the 2016 EQIP Wildlife Ranking Worksheet	
2. a. Is the planning unit within both a priority area and a high priority watershed? (50pts)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Is the planning unit within either a priority area or a high priority watershed, but not both? (25pts)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Prior Restoration and Management Activities:	
3. Has 50% or more of the planning unit received some sort of habitat restoration (planting, hydrologic restoration) or management (prescribed fire, timber stand improvement, brush management, herbaceous weed control, etc.) within the past 5 years? (50pts)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Planned Habitat Suitability Index: Scores will be auto calculated by the 2016 EQIP Wildlife Ranking Worksheet	
4. a. Is the planned Habitat Suitability Index score between 0.80-1.00? 50PTS	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Is the planned Habitat Suitability Index score between 0.60-0.79? 35PTS	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Is the planned Habitat Suitability Index score between 0.50-0.59? 20PTS	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Presence of priority habitats and planning of priority management actions Scores will be auto calculated by the 2016 EQIP Wildlife Ranking Worksheet.	
5. a. The priority habitats and planning of priority management actions score is greater than or equal to 150. (100pts)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. The priority habitats and planning of priority management actions score is between 100 and 149. (75pts)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. c. The priority habitats and planning of priority management actions score is between 50 and 99. (50pts)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. d. The priority habitats and planning of priority management actions score is between 25 and 49 (25pts)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Planned Stream Visual Assessment Protocol 2 Score Scores will be auto calculated by the 2016 EQIP Wildlife Ranking Worksheet	
6. a. The planned SVAP2 score is between 8 and 10. (50pts)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. The planned SVAP2 score is between 6 and 7. (35pts)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

6. c. The planned SVAP2 score is 5. (20pts)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the majority of the acreage in this application to be commercially thinned to a basal area of 50% basal area or less, followed by one prescribed burn?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will prescribe burning be used on land other than forestland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Is Cogongrass, Japanese Climbing Fern, Privet, Chinese Tallow Tree or any other invasive species being treated in the this contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will you be planting warm season grasses as part of this application?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will you install a hedgerow for wildlife as part of this application?	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:
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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:
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