

**Natural Resources Conservation Service
Application Ranking Summary
Conservation Activity Plan Development**

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| Program: | Ranking Date: | Application Number: |
| Ranking Tool: Conservation Activity Plan Development | | Applicant: |
| Final Ranking Score: | | Address: |
| Planner: | Telephone: | |
| Farm Location: | | |

National Priorities Addressed

| Issue Questions | Responses |
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| 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"/> |

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| 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 |
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| Choose from the following 3 questions in reference to Feed Management Plan (108). | |
| 1. Is the applicant someone not having a conservation plan or a nutrient management plan? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Does the present operation and feed methodology poses risk of feeding excessive amounts of nutrients in animal manure which result in negative impacts to water quality and odor resource concerns? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Will the plan address dairy and/or poultry operation? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Choose from the following 3 questions in reference to Grazing Management Plan (110). | |
| 1. Are high animal concentration areas creating an environmental problem anytime of the year? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Is pasture currently being overgrazed (evidence of bare spots, grazed to 1” or less, etc)? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Is there a perennial stream on the property for which a plan is requested? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Choose from the following 3 questions in reference to Prescribe Burning Plan (112). | |
| 1. Is plan needed to enable the producer to implement needed conservation practices? Associated Practices: 314, 315, 528, 643, 644, 645, 647, 659, 666 | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Will the plan complement an existing Forest Management Plan, a Reforestation Plan, a Forest Harvest Plan, or a Prescribed Grazing Plan? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Will the plan address wildlife habitat? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Choose from the following 3 questions in reference to Integrated Pest Management Plan (114). | |
| 1. Will the plan address Pest Management concerns for fruits and/or specialty crops? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Is there an unprotected pesticide storage or mixing area within 300 feet from a water source? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Is the distance from treated fields to the closest residence who is not an owner, operator, or employee less than 250 feet? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Choose from the following 3 questions in reference to Irrigation Water Management Plan (118). | |
| 1. Is the applicant currently irrigating without an Irrigation Water Management Plan? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Is the irrigation water source at least partially from a stream? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Are fruits or vegetables being raised? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Choose from the following 3 questions in reference to Drainage Water Management Plan (130). | |
| 1. Is there poorly, somewhat poorly drained soils on the property for which a plan is requested? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Is there subsurface drainage (606) on the property for which a plan is requested? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Does the property contain high nitrogen levels for which a plan is requested? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Choose from the following 3 questions in reference to Fish and Wildlife Habitat Plan (142). | |
| 1. Is there potential habitat for at-risk, threatened, or endangered species as evidenced by known | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

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| occurrences or suggested by PNDI search? | |
| 2. Is there an interest to improve in stream fish habitat, or provide fish passage? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Will the plan result in the addressing the control of noxious and invasive species and establishment of or management native plants for habitat? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Choose from the following 3 questions in reference to Pollinator Habitat Plan (146). | |
| 1. Is the applicant interested in management of land or for establishment of new habitat for benefit of appropriate pollinator species. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Will the plan address pollinator habitat for fruits and/or specialty crops? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Will the plan result in the addressing the control of noxious and invasive species and establishment of or management native plants for pollinator habitat? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Choose from the following 3 questions in reference to IPM Herbicide Resist Weed Management (154). | |
| 1. Is the applicant having a need to address issues with herbicide resistant weeds. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Does the applicant currently manages cropland weeds based upon herbicide label instructions, personal knowledge, or other local criteria, and has not implemented strategies to diversity crop rotations and rotate herbicide modes of action for purpose of managing resistant weed spread. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Will the plan address concerns for organic and/or specialty crops? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

Local Issues Addressed

| Issue Questions | Responses |
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| 1. Does the applicant have an ag enterprise that requires making decisions of the type that will be addressed by the requested Conservation Activity Plan? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Is the majority of the offered acreage located in the 12-Digit HUC that Pennsylvania NRCS has identified as a FY 2016 Targeted Priority Watershed? [Use GIS layer (High/Medium Priority watershed) located in F:\geodata\project_data\nrcs\Priority_Resource_Concerns_FY2016.gdb]? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Is the majority of the offered acreage located in the 12-Digit HUC that Pennsylvania NRCS has identified as a FY 2016 "Brook Trout - Greatly Reduced" Targeted Priority Watershed? [Use GIS layer (Brook Trout_Reduced_Watersheds) located in F:\geodata\project_data\nrcs\Priority_Resource_Concerns_FY2016.gdb]? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

Land Use:

| Resource Concerns | Practices |
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Ranking Score

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| 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:

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