

**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM
FISCAL YEAR 2017
NATIONAL WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE RANKING QUESTIONS
FIVEMILE CREEK - EAST FORK LITTLE MIAMI RIVER - 050902021102**

State Issues:

Sub-heading Number	Question Number	Question
1		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 State Priority category.
	1	Is the program application for development of a TSP-Prepared Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "YES", do not answer any other State-level questions. If the answer is "NO" proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.
2		Water Quality - EPA Watersheds
	2	Does the application include core conservation practices that will be implemented within ¼ mile of a stream or water body that is threatened (i.e., receives significant runoff of excess nitrogen and/or phosphorous), on the EPA 303(d) list, or is impaired with a TMDL in place and therefore not on the 303(d) list (or other critical stream or water body authorized by the Regional Conservationist)?
3		Geographical Impacts
	3	3a. Are more than 75 percent of the acres treated i. Located within a NWQI watershed AND ii. Do they have at least one core conservation practice planned on them?
4		Collaborative Efforts
	4	4a. Are core conservation practices planned for the applicant's treated acres within an existing non-USDA water quality project area addressing the same or similar pollutants?
5		Efforts to Address Watershed Impairments
	5	Does this program application include the implementation of a system of conservation practices which address the primary NWQI primary resource concern?
6		High Risk Soils

	6	Are core conservation practices to be implemented on offered acres with a majority of soil types that are classified hydrologic group D (high runoff) or group A (high infiltration)?
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Local Issues:

Sub-heading Number	Question Number	Question
	1	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 1 will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned. If you answer yes to this questions no other questions need to be answered for the local ranking questions.
	2	Will 50% or more of the field within 1000 fet of a watercourse be planted to a cover crop?
	3	Will 25 to 49% of the field within 1000 feet of a watercourse be planted to a cover crop?
	4	Will cover crops and nutrient management be implemented, and allow NRCS/SWCD/OSU Extension do on farm soil quality/soil testing research for the length of the contract?
	5	Will no-till/strip till and cover crops be implemented on all land in application throughtout the life of the contract?
	6	Will a conservation management system be implement?
	7	Will filter strips be installed with the minimum recommended setback to reduce sedimentation and chemical pollutants from reaching the watercourse? (This includes road ditches, and any waterbody that has downstream pollution potential)
	8	Will a grassed waterway or WASCOB be established to minimize gully erosion?
	9	Will the application result in a positive SCI score, as well as an increase in the SCI score?
	10	Will this application utilize EQIP funds to install one or more of the following: Conservation Crop Rotation (328) or Residue and Tillage Management (329)?