

Required Western Lake Erie Basin Initiative Screening Criteria Worksheet

NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

A Screening Worksheet must be completed for each eligible EQIP application considered through the Western Lake Erie Basin Initiative Fund Pool.

Instructions: This screening worksheet must be completed for each eligible producer applying for EQIP assistance through the Western Lake Erie Basin Initiative fund pool. Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis; however, an application period has been established for purposes of evaluation, ranking, and funding decisions. The goal of this screening tool is to ensure that conservation technical assistance and EQIP program benefits are managed efficiently to address priority conservation needs related to the Western Lake Erie Basin.

Completion of this worksheet and documentation does not constitute agreement to provide EQIP program benefits nor approval of a program contract. The original screening worksheet must be filed with the applicant case file or EQIP program file (in DMS) and unless the application is determined to be ineligible, the screening priority (high and low) must be recorded in ProTracts application priority. Upon request, a copy of the completed screening worksheet may be provided to the applicant.

Detailed Screening Criteria Worksheet – Complete for Each Eligible EQIP Applicant

Applicant Name:		County:	
Application No:		Field Office:	
Evaluator Name:		Date:	

Priority Determination for ProTracts – Select One:

<u>High Priority Category Scenario A:</u> The application is for Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) 102- CNMP, 104 – Nutrient Management Plan or 130 – Drainage Water Management Plan.	High Priority Status in ProTracts
<u>High Priority Category Scenario B:</u> 100%* of the offered acres are in the WLEB and they contain soil map units identified as High or Moderately High for surface runoff <u>or</u> soil map units identified as High or Moderately High for leaching as determined by NRCS SSURGO Inherent Soil Vulnerability data.	High Priority Status in ProTracts
<u>High Priority Category Scenario C:</u> 100%* of the offered acres are in the WLEB and existing soil tests (regardless of age) from any of the offered acres contain any sample with soil test phosphorus levels ≥ 40 ppm (or ≥ 80 lb/AC).	High Priority Status in ProTracts
<u>High Priority Category Scenario D:</u> 100%* of the offered acres are in the WLEB and they have at least 1 surface riser, catch basin, tile blow holes, or other drainage feature that is a direct conduit of water to ditches, creeks, streams, and/or rivers.	High Priority Status in ProTracts
<u>Low Priority Category (Low priority applications will not be ranked):</u> The offered acres do not meet any of the above.	Low Priority Status in ProTracts

* = if a contiguous tract of offered acres contains at least 75% of the land within the WLEB, the entire tract can be offered.

The priority determination of high or low must be recorded in ProTracts application priority for this applicant.

D.C. Approval:		Date Approved:	
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Note: High priority applications may be ranked if the application meets all other eligibility requirements. Do not rank low priority applications.