

**FISCAL YEAR 2017
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM
RCPP - TRI STATE WESTERN LAKE ERIE BASIN
STATE AND LOCAL RANKING QUESTIONS**

STATE RANKING QUESTIONS

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.
	1	Is the program application for the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If the answer is "yes", do not answer any other state level questions. If the answer is "No" proceed with the evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.
2		Water Quality
	2	Is the 313, waste storage practice, planned within one of the following Priority HUC 10-digit Watersheds? (See Map) i. Bad Creek , Upper Swan Creek, and Lower Swan Creek HUC 0410000903, 0410000907, 0410000908 (Fulton and Lucas Counties) ii. Headwaters Blanchard River HUC 0410000801 (Hardin County) iii. Cedar Creek-Frontal Lake Erie HUC 0410001007 (Wood, Lucas and Ottawa Counties) iv. Flatrock Creek-Auglaize River HUC 0410000712 (Paulding County) v. South Turkeyfoot Creek HUC 0410000901 (Henry County) vi. Rock Creek- Sandusky River HUC 0410001111 (Seneca County)
	3	Will the applicant install or implement at least one of the following additional core priority conservation practices targeted at improving water quality: Drainage Water Management (554) and Structure for Water Control (587), Riparian Forest Buffer (390), Riparian Herbaceous Cover (391) , and Filter Strip.Filter Strips (393), and Nutrient Placement below the soil surface for all phosphorous applications(590).

	4	Is the livestock facility within 300 feet of a stream or waterbody and runoff is not being controlled but will be as part of this contract. (Perennial or intermittent as identified on the USGS Topographic map.)
3		Participation
	5	5. Has the applicant (by Tax ID number) had a prior year EQIP contract which was cancelled or terminated due to contract violation(s) within the past three program years? Do not answer this question if the contract was cancelled due to lack of TSP availability to complete the CAP plan
		Maximum Points: 400 Total Points

LOCAL RANKING QUESTIONS:

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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 local priority category.
	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 local priority.
2		Water Quality
	2	Will this application utilize EQIP funds to install Structure for Water Control (587) for Drainage Water Management and/or managed Drainage Water Management (554)?
	3	Will this application utilize EQIP funds to install a Riparian Forest Buffer (390), Riparian Herbaceous Cover (391), and Filter Strip (393) along a stream or watercourse that will help improve water quality?
	4	Will this application utilize EQIP funds to implement Nutrient Management Practice (590) for placement of nutrients below the soil surface for all phosphorous applications?

	5	Does the current livestock operation have a discharge to surface or ground water and practices in this application will address the resource concern?
3		Conservation planning and readiness
	6	Does the producer have an approved CNMP that meets current Nutrient Management 590?
	7	Has the applicant applied for an Exemption from SB1 Rules due to insufficient manure storage and the application will address the storage problem prior to the application process.
		Maximum Points: 250 Total Points