

Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Application Ranking Summary
Conservation Activity Plans (CAP)**

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Conservation Activity Plans (CAP)	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
If the application is for the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for Code 102 Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP), the agency will assign HIGH ranking priority. Answering “Yes” to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the state level questions.	
1. 1a. Is the program application for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for a TSP prepared Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (Code 102)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other state 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"/>
If the application is for the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for Code 106 Forest Management Plan, the agency will assign HIGH ranking priority. Answering “Yes” to question 2a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the state level questions.	
2. 2a. Is the program application for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for a TSP prepared Forest Management Plan (Code 106)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other state 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"/>
If the application is for the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for Code 128 Agriculture Energy Management Plan (AgEMP), the agency will assign MEDIUM ranking priority. Answering “Yes” to question 3a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the state level questions.	
3. 3a. Is the program application for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for a TSP prepared AgEMP (Code 128)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other state 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"/>
If the application is for the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for Code 104 Nutrient Management Plan, the agency will assign MEDIUM ranking priority. Answering “Yes” to question 4a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the state level questions.	
4. 4a. Is the program application for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for a TSP prepared Nutrient Management Plan (Code 104)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other state 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"/>
If the application is for the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for Code 108 Feed Management Plan, the agency will assign MEDIUM ranking priority. Answering “Yes” to question 5a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the state level questions.	
5. 5a. Is the program application for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for a TSP prepared Feed Management Plan (Code 108)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other state 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"/>
If the application is for the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for Code 110 Grazing	

Management Plan, the agency will assign MEDIUM ranking priority. Answering “Yes” to question 6a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the state level questions.	
6. 6a. Is the program application for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for a TSP prepared Grazing Management Plan (Code 110)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other state 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"/>
If the application is for the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for Code 112 Prescribed Burning Plan, the agency will assign MEDIUM ranking priority. Answering “Yes” to question 7a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the state level questions.	
7. 7a. Is the program application for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for a TSP prepared Prescribed Burning Plan (Code 112)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other state 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"/>
If the application is for the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for Code 114 Integrated Pest Management Plan, the agency will assign MEDIUM ranking priority. Answering “Yes” to question 8a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the state level questions.	
8. 8a. Is the program application for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for a TSP prepared Integrated Pest Management Plan (Code 112)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other state 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"/>
If the application is for the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for Code 118 Irrigation Water Management Plan, the agency will assign MEDIUM ranking priority. Answering “Yes” to question 9a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the state level questions.	
9. 9a. Is the program application for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for a TSP prepared Irrigation Water Management Plan (Code 118)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other state 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"/>
If the application is for the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for Code 130 Drainage Water Management Plan, the agency will assign MEDIUM ranking priority. Answering “Yes” to question 10a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the state level questions.	
10. 10a. Is the program application for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for a TSP prepared Drainage Water Management Plan (Code 130)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other state 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"/>
If the application is for the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for Code 142 Fish and Wildlife Habitat Plan, the agency will assign MEDIUM ranking priority. Answering “Yes” to question 11a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the state level questions.	
11. 11a. Is the program application for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for a TSP prepared Fish and Wildlife Habitat Plan (Code 142)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other state 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"/>
If the application is for the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for Code 146 Pollinator Habitat Plan, the agency will assign MEDIUM ranking priority. Answering “Yes” to question 12a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the state level questions.	
12. 12a. Is the program application for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for a TSP prepared Pollinator Habitat Plan (Code 146)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other state 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"/>
If the application is for the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for Code 154 Integrated Pest Management Herbicide Resistant Weed Conservation Plan, the agency will assign MEDIUM ranking priority. Answering “Yes” to question 13a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the state level questions.	
13. 13a. Is the program application for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for a TSP prepared Integrated Pest Management Herbicide Resistant Weed Conservation Plan (Code 154)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other state level questions. If answer is “No”, proceed with	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	
If applicant has had an EQIP contract terminated in the last 5 years or has ever destroyed or failed to maintain a practice for designated life span, question 14a must be answered.	
14. 14a. Has the applicant ever had an EQIP contract terminated within the participants control in the last five (5) years OR has applicant ever destroyed or failed to maintain a practice for its designated life span (NRCS technical errors excluded as determined by the Area Conservationist)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is this application for development of a Conservation Activity Plan with an identified natural resource concern and that will result in environmental benefits?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices

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