

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

CCPI-Mercer Windbreak Creation & Restoration

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: CCPI-Mercer Windbreak Creation & Restoration	Applicant:	
Final Ranking Score:	Address:	
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas (http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5% and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c. Implement precision agricultural methods?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. e. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Production - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

7. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with more efficient equipment?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. c. Assist in producing energy from renewable resources (solar, wind, biofuel, etc)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
8. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Does the applicant meet the following conditions:	
9. a. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) that will adjust application amounts and/or timing of organic/inorganic fertilizers according to soil test?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) that will reduce animal wastes that impact water quality?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) for improved quality of livestock drinking water? (516, 614, 642, 574)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) that will mitigate the potential environmental risk of pest management control measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) which will reduce erosion on cropland fields (328, 329, 340, 342, 345, 380, 386, 393, 412, 512, 550, and/or 603)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) that will address saline seeps, recharge areas, and/or saline/sodic soils? (340, 386, 512, 550, 610)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) that will reduce the number of tillage operations? (329, 340, 345, 512, 550)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for the implementation of the organic component of 590-Nutrient Management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Will the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) to facilitate grazing distribution?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) that will convert cropland to introduced and/or native herbaceous vegetation? (512, 550)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for Soil Quality Initiative bundle of practices?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for 798-Seasonal High Tunnels to extend the growing season?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Choose only one of the following questions, either 13 or 14.	
13. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance to achieve STIR of less than 9.0? (329)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance to achieve a STIR of 9.0 to 30.0? (329)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Choose only one of the following questions, either 15 or 16.	
15. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) which assists in rotating a single herd through 3-6 pastures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
16. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) which assists in rotating a single herd through 7 or more pastures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Choose only one of the following questions, either 17, 18, or 19.	
17. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice which assists in financial assistance for 356-Dike within 5 miles of Devils Lake or the Red, James or Sheyenne Rivers?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
18. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice which assists in financial assistance for 356-Dike between 5-10 miles of Devils Lake or the Red, James or Sheyenne Rivers?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

19. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice which assists in financial assistance for 356-Dike greater than 10 miles of Devils Lake or the Red, James or Sheyenne Rivers?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) which will reduce erosion on cropland fields?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for the implementation of 650-Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for the installation of a living snow fence?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a carbon sequestering practices(s)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a tree planting consisting of 50 percent winter food for wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) that provides native pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a 382-Fence to protect windbreaks from livestock?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for the implementation of 380-Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

<p>Efficiency:</p> <p>Local Issues:</p> <p>State Issues:</p> <p>National Issues:</p> <p>Final Ranking Score:</p>

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:	Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: