

NH NRCS 2010 WETLAND RESERVE PROGRAM EASEMENT & RESTORATION RANKING SHEET

The NRCS Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) was established to protect, restore and enhance the functions and values of wetland ecosystems that have been degraded as a result of agricultural/silvacultural activities.

Landowner Name:			
Landowner Address:			
	<i>Street</i>	<i>City/Town State, Zip</i>	
Landowner Number:			
	<i>Home</i>	<i>Cell</i>	
Landowner Email:			
Parcel Name:			
Parcel County:			
Application ranked for (choose one):	Easement__	Restoration__	

Eligibility Criteria

If the answer to any of the following criteria is "no", the application is ineligible for consideration.

Land Eligibility:

Land complies with one of the following scenarios:

1. Former or degraded wetland that occur on lands that have been used or are currently being used for the production of food and fiber, including rangeland and forest production lands, where the hydrology has been significantly degraded or modified and will be substantially restored:

Yes__ No__

2. Farmed wetland or converted wetland, together with adjacent lands that are functionally dependent on the wetlands:

Yes__ No__

3. Wetlands farmed under natural conditions, farmed wetlands, prior converted cropland, commenced conversion wetlands, farmed wetland pasture, and lands substantially altered by flooding so as to develop wetland functions and values:

Yes__ No__

Landowner Eligibility:

1. The land is in private ownership or is owned by Indian Tribes and has been in said ownership for a minimum of seven years prior to applying for WRP:

Yes__ No__

2. Landowner meets AGI limitation and HEL/Wetland Compliance Provisions of the Food Security Act:

Yes__ No__

3. The landowner can prove ownership via deed by 2/01/10 (2010 Round 1 ranking cut off date):

Yes__ No__

Category	#	National Ranking Criteria	Maximum Points	Parcel Points
Conservation Benefit Factors	1	The parcel directly abuts other permanently protected lands. Yes = 150 Points No = 0 Points	150	
	2	The parcel provides creation and protection of habitat for federally endangered fish and wildlife. Yes = 50 Points No = 0 Points	50	
	3	The planned restoration practices will substantially restore the site hydrology to as close to it's original condition as possible. Yes = 200 Points No = 0 Points	200	
	Maximum Points for Environmental Benefit Factors		400	0
Cost-Effectiveness Factors	4	Landowner is willing to take less for the easement or another source is available to reduce the government's cost of easement purchase (document match): 10 points for every 10% of demonstrated match with a maximum of 100 points.	100	
	5	Landowner or other source is willing to contribute to easement acquisition (such as title searches, boundary surveys, etc.) or restoration costs (engineering designs, practice implementation, etc.) (document match). 5 points for every \$1000 of donated service value with a maximum of 250 points.	250	
	6	Estimated restoration costs are less than \$10,000/acre: Yes = 70 Points No = 0 Points	70	
	Maximum Points for Cost-Effectiveness Factors		420	0
Management Effectiveness Factors	7	Long term management responsibilities will be transferred to a qualified third party (such as a state wildlife agency) via fee, deed, or other written agreement after the easement has closed. Yes = 50 Points No = 0 Points	50	
	Maximum Points for Management Factors		50	0
Maximum Points for National Criteria			870	0

Category	#	State Ranking Criteria	Maximum Points	Parcel Data
Wildlife Habitat Factors	8	Easement property has probable occurrences of T&E species as determined by the Natural Heritage Bureau Yes = 100 Points No = 0 points	100	
	9	WAP Tiers Highest Ranked Habitat in NH 100 Pts or Highest Ranked Habitat in Biological Region 50 Pts or Supporting Landscape 20 Pts	100	
	10	WAP Layers - 15 Points Each (one time per layer) Flood Plain Forest App Oak Pine Lowland Spruce Fir Grasslands Marshes Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture (EBTJV) Aquifer	105	
	11	WAP Layer - 25 Points (one time) Important Bird Area	25	
	12	Easement area has habitat of special concern as identified by NH certified wetland specialist. Yes=100 points No=0 Points	100	
	Maximum Points for Wildlife Factors			430
Acreage Inclusion	13	Offered acres encompass: >90% of eligible land = 200 points; 50% - 90% of eligible land = 100 points; 25% - 50% of eligible land = 50 points; < 25% of eligible land = 0 points	200	
	Maximum Points for Acreage Inclusion			200
Maximum Points for State Criteria			630	0

Total Ranking Score - 1500 possible points					
Total Score for National Criteria:	0	Total Score for State Criteria:	0	Total Combined Score:	0