

Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Application Ranking Summary
Golden Winged Warbler State Initiative**

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Golden Winged Warbler State Initiative		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Healthy Plant & Animal Communities - Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the applicant implement practices which:	
1. a. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Support existing or new national or landscape initiatives that support State, National or tribal fish or wildlife plans such as: Working Lands for Wildlife	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Benefit federally listed threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, fish or wildlife species of concern?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. d. Benefit State WHIP Plan (SWP) prioritized native habitat critical to a fish or wildlife species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. e. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. f. Eradicate or control SWP prioritized noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. g. Benefit declining or important aquatic wildlife species prioritized in the SWP?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. h. Benefit SWP prioritized fish or wildlife species in forested areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. i. Establish habitat on pivot corners and irregular areas on agricultural land?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. j. Provide self-sustaining habitat for SWP prioritized fish and wildlife while reducing net carbon emissions or boosting carbon storage (e.g., warm season perennial grasses, trees or shrubs)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. k. Benefit migration and other movement corridors for SWP prioritized wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation - Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the applicant in the proposed project:	
2. a. Implement wildlife habitat practices scheduled in the Schedule or Plan of Operations (NRCS-CPA-1155) within the first two years of date of obligation of the agreement?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Focal Area - Answer yes to 1 or 2 but not both	
1. Is the project site within the Great Lakes 16 GWWA Focal Area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Is the project site within a mile of the Great Lakes 16 GWWA Focal Area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Velco Line - Answer yes to 3 or 4 but not both. If not adjacent to Velco line then answer no	
3. Is the project adjacent to Audubon High Priority Shrubland Areas on Velco line (multiple priority species, species in high concentrations and/or golden-winged warbler documented)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Is the project adjacent to Audubon Medium Priority Shrubland Areas on Velco line (one priority species documented)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Shrubby Habitat - Answer yes to 5 or 6 but not both. If site is greater than 1,000 feet then answer no	
5. Is the project site adjacent to other shrubby habitats of 5 acres or more?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Is the project site within 1,000 feet of other shrubby habitats of 5 acres or more?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Size of Project - Answer yes to 7 or 8 but not both	
7. Is the proposed project size >20 acres? This would be the entire contiguous area of the habitat patch that is part of the planning unit and is suitable or will be suitable following the practices planned in the	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

application	
8. Is the proposed project size between 5-20 acres in size?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Habitat Elements - Answer yes to 9 or 10 but not both. If less than 2 habitat elements answer no	
9. Does the project site have tall trees, tall samplings/shrubs (3-13 feet), and herbaceous openings?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Does the project site have at least two of the prime habitat elements: tall trees, tall saplings/shrubs (3-13 feet) or herbaceous openings?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Woody Vegetation	
11. Is the woody vegetation on the project site at least 50% or more native or non-invasive (e.g. apple trees)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Does the project site have an Audubon Vermont shrubland bird assessment?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices

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:

<p>NRCS Representative:</p> <p>Signature Date:</p>	<p>Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:</p> <p>Signature Date:</p>
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