

**EQIP-RCPP Cerulean Warbler**  
**2016 Kentucky Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)**  
**Application Field Ranking Worksheet**

**Applicant Name:**

**Application #:**

**Eligible Practices**

Code	Practice Name	Resource Concern (s)	Planned Amount	Tract/Field
472	Access Control			
314	Brush Management			
327	Conservation Cover			
340	Cover Crop			
342	Critical Area Planting			
647	Early Successional Habitat Development & Management			
382	Fence			
666	Forest Stand Improvement			
315	Herbaceous Weed Control			
643	Restoration and Mgt. of Rare and Declining Habitats			
484	Mulching			
490	Tree and Shrub Site Prep			
612	Tree/Shrub Establishment			
645	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management			
384	Woody Residue Treatment			

**Eligible Resource Concerns**

ID#	Resource Concern
1	Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Cover/Shelter
2	Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Food
3	Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Habitat Continuity (Space)
4	Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Water

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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 national priority category.		
1a	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.	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
2	Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)		
2a	Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
2b	Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
2c	Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
2d	Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a "non-impaired" water body?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
2e	Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management? (Yes, if Animal Mortality Facility (316) is planned)	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
3	Water Conservation - Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)		
3a	Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft? (NO)		<b>No</b>
3b	Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use? (Yes, if implementing practices identified in a certified Irrigation Water Management Plan (118)	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
3c	Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project? (NO)		<b>No</b>
3d	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, if implementing practices identified in a certified Irrigation Water Management Plan (118)	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
4	Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)		
4a	Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures? (NO)		<b>No</b>
4b	Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)? (NO)		<b>No</b>
4c	Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ), Methane (CH <sub>4</sub> ), and Nitrous Oxide (N <sub>2</sub> O)? (Yes only for Organic Certified or Transitioning to Organic)	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
4d	Implementing practices that increase carbon sequestration?(Yes if planning 612, 666, 422, 380, 381, or native grass 327, 512, 386, 390, 643, or 391)	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
5	Soil Health - Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)		

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5a	Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?(Field must be above "T" and practice(s) takes to "T" or below. Must be supported with RUSLE2)	Yes	No
5b	Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure? (Yes, when Cover Crop 340 is included for Soil Health)	Yes	No
6	Wildlife Habitat - Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)		
6a	Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern?(Refer to NRCS T&E Species by County list and Practice Effects Document located in Section II of eFOTG. Also, Yes if Forest Stand Imp 666 or Brush Mgt 314 is planned in the Forestland Bird Conservation Area or when the following are planned in the Grassland Bird Conservation Area - Conservation Cover, Field Border, Hedgerow Planting, Tree/Shrub Est-Shrub planting only, and points may be awarded when native grasses are used for a Riparian Herb Cover or Forage and Biomass Planting.)	Yes	No
6b	Implementing practices that retain wildlife habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program? (Examples would be 612, 327, 386, and 390 when wildlife beneficial vegetation is being planned)	Yes	No
6c	Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators? (Yes, if native forbs or shrubs/trees are being established, or if 643, 390, 666, or 314 is planned)	Yes	No
6d	Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife? (Yes, if 658 is planned)	Yes	No
7	Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities? (select all that apply)		
7a	Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland? (Yes if practice(s) help treat invasive plant species on list located at <a href="http://www.se-eppc.org/ky/list.htm">http://www.se-eppc.org/ky/list.htm</a> . Ex: 666 and 314 that address bush honeysuckle or tree of heaven or 512 that converts endophyte infected tall fescue.)	Yes	No
7b	Implementing practices in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	Yes	No
8	Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project reduce energy by: (select all that apply)		
8a	Reduce on-farm energy consumption? (Yes, if 472, 327, 386, 390, 412, 422, 329, 380, 391, 381, or 612 is planned. Also, yes when Fence 382 is planned that includes a solar charger or if 512 is planned to convert cropland to pastureland or hayland.)	Yes	No
8b	Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meets ASABE S612 criteria? (Yes, when Farmstead Energy Imp 374 is planned)	Yes	No
9	Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the "EQIP Plan of Operations" result in:		
9a	Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation system already in place at time the application is received? (Answer Yes if the planned practices will improve an existing conservation practice or complete an existing conservation system. See Guidance Document for examples)	Yes	No

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**State Questions**

1	Distance to known populations (answer one of the following):		
1a	The application acres lie within a Cerulean Warbler (CERW) Focal Area.	Yes	No
1b	The application acres are within 50 miles of a CERW Focal Area.	Yes	No
1c	The application acres are within 100 miles of a CERW Focal Area.	Yes	No
1d	The application acres are more than 100 miles of a CERW Focal Area.	Yes	No
2	Size of Project Area (answer one of the following):		
2a	The application acres are less than 25 acres.	Yes	No
2b	The application acres are greater than or equal to 25 acres, but less than 75 acres.	Yes	No
2c	The application acres are greater than or equal to 75 acres.	Yes	No
3	Site Location in Relation to Other Project Areas:		
3a	The application acres overlap with a Golden-winged Warbler Focal Area.	Yes	No

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**Local Questions**

1	Has the landowner successfully participated in NRCS programs in the past?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
2	Is the applicant willing to limit the contract length to 3 years or less?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
3	Are there feral horses or re-introduced elk populations present on the application acres that could hinder reforestation efforts?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
4	The project site has 50% or greater canopy cover of woody invasive species such as multiflora rose, autumn olive, etc. as determined by a site visit.	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
5	The project site has 50% or greater cover of herbaceous invasive species such as Japanese knotweed, sericea lespedeza, etc. as determined by a site visit.	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>

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**Certification and Signatures**

*I am submitting this Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) application to NRCS for consideration. I understand that any practice started prior to an application being selected for funding and approved as a contract is not eligible for EQIP funding.*

*The conservation practices, quantity, and field numbers listed on page 1 of this field inventory worksheet are the extent for practices planned for financial assistance through this EQIP application.*

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Signature of Applicant and Date

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Signature of NRCS Representative and Date