



**MN CREP  
CP2 and CP21  
Environmental Benefits  
Scoring Sheet Instructions**



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Scoring is a primary means of comparing the environmental benefits of each submitted application for MN CREP. To properly compare the merits of one application to another requires that they be scored following a consistent process. As individual practice types have targeted enrollment acres as part of MN CREP, only applications of like practice types will be scored against each other.

To ensure consistency, the following instructions have been prepared as a guide to completing the scoring sheet for the above referenced eligible MN CREP conservation practice. Please carefully read these instructions prior to completing the form.

There are several questions within the document which should be scored. Check the appropriate checkbox or checkbox for each question, as instructed. Left click your mouse on a checkbox to activate it. The score sheet automatically calculates the score. If an "Error" message appears, too many checkboxes are activated for that Section. Uncheck the incorrect checkboxes to clear the "Error" message.

**Question 2. SPATIAL RELATIONSHIP (CP-2); and on Question 2. LINEAR CORRIDOR CONNECTIVITY (CP-21):**

Permanent Habitat (or Permanently Protected Land) shall mean those areas that are permanently protected or soon will be protected, including but not limited to: Approved CRP contracts as a part of this MN CREP, DNR WMAs, SNA's, Public Waters/Wetlands, USFWS WPAs, State and Federal Wildlife Refuges, Nature Conservancy Preserves and Managed Areas, State and National Forests, perpetual RIM, WRP, and USFWS Conservation Easements, etc.

This should not include CRP lands or lands enrolled in other short term conservation programs.

**Question 3. LENGTH (CP-21):**

Total length of the filter strip practice area should be measured along the entire length of the waterbody or watercourse main channel, not associated oxbows. If both sides of a watercourse are part of the offer, measure both sides to get total length.

**Question 4. Sediment and Sediment Associated Materials Potential & Soluble Materials Potential (CP-21):**

These tables correspond to the Table 1. Filter Strip Widths tables in the NRCS Conservation Practice Standard 393 Filter Strip. Select the appropriate matching score.