



RIM GRASSLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS SCORING SHEET

Landowner name	County/SWCD Office
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Offer must meet these minimum criteria to be eligible:

- Offer meets minimum enrollment size (8 acres) or meets waiver requirements.
- A minimum scoring threshold may be set based on applications received.

Total Score

1	Prairie Plan Priority Areas (maximum score 20 points)	Score
	Prairie Core – 20 points	
	Prairie Corridor – 15 points	
	Strategic Habitat Complex – 10 points	

2	Risk of conversion of remnant (maximum score 15 points)	Score
	High (relatively flat, well-drained, easily accessible) – 15 points	
	Moderate (moderately flat, mesic soils, could be accessible) – 10 points	
	Low (steep, poorly drained, rocky, difficult to access) – 0 points	

3	Proximity to protected grassland complexes over 160 acres within Prairie Core, Prairie Corridor, or Strategic Habitat Complex (maximum score 15 points)	Score
	Immediately adjacent – 15 points	
	Within ½ mile – 10 points	
	Within 1 mile – 5 points	

4	Site characteristics – check all that apply (maximum score 15 points)	Score
	Wetland or potential for wetland restoration – 5 points	
	Adjacent to a public water – 5 points	
	Threatened or Endangered species within ½ mile – 5 points	

5	Vegetative diversity (maximum score 10 points)	Score
	Greater than 20 native prairie species – 10 points	
	5 to 20 native prairie species – 5 points	
	Less than 5 native prairie species – 0 points	
	Restoration needed: Re-seeding, Site dominated by invasive species, Woody encroachment – 10-point penalty	

6	Easement size (maximum score 15 points)	Score
	Greater than 80 acres – 15 points	
	41 – 80 acres – 10 points	
	10 – 40 acres – 5 points	
	Less than 10 acres – 0 points	
7	Remnant prairie buffer (maximum score 10 points)	Score
	The offer contains a minimum average buffer of 30 feet, or a 30-foot buffer is already in place – 10 points	
	The offer does not contain a minimum average buffer of 30 feet – 0 points	
8	Unique features (optional) (additional maximum score up to 10 points)	Score
	<p style="text-align: right;">BWSR use only</p> <p>List unique features on site. This may be ecological, geological, archaeological, historical, etc. that warrant additional consideration for protection not recognized elsewhere in the Scoresheet.</p> <p><i>This section will be scored by Program Manager(s), and those points will be additive to the total score.</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 300px; width: 100%;"></div>	

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