



**RIM 1W1P
ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS SCORING SHEET**



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| Landowner Name | County/SWCD Office | Total Score |
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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

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| <p>1. Does this project make progress toward measurable goals in the Comprehensive Water Management Plan (CWMP)?</p> <p><i>Maximum score 15 points</i></p> <p><i>List the measurable goals toward which this easement helps make progress. Include page numbers from the plan and additional explanations below.</i></p> | <p>Score</p> |
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- Makes progress towards multiple measurable goals including at least one habitat goal — 15 points
- Makes progress towards at least one measurable HABITAT goal — 10 points
- Makes progress towards at least one measurable goal — 5 points
- Does not address measurable goals — 0 points

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| <p>2. Is the project in an area identified as a priority in the CWMP?</p> <p><i>Maximum score 15 points</i></p> <p><i>If the plan uses multiple priority levels/tiers, "priority" refers to the highest level/tier. List page numbers below and use supplemental maps as needed.</i></p> | <p>Score</p> |
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- In a priority area for HABITAT – 15 points
- In a priority area – 10 points
- Not in a priority area – 0 points

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| <p>3. Does this project address other issues, priorities, or plan implementation items not described in Questions 1 or 2?</p> <p><i>Maximum score 5 points</i></p> <p><i>If "yes," describe below and list page numbers.</i></p> | <p>Score</p> |
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- Yes – 5 points
- No – 0 points

4. What type of water resource is the land adjacent to, or, what type of water resource does this easement drain to first when it leaves this property?

Maximum score 10 points

Score

Provide a map; pick the highest scoring option if multiple situations apply.

Public Watercourse or Public Water Basins – 10 points

Wetland/intermittent stream/public ditch system/other seasonal waters – 5 points

No water source protected – 0 points

5. Have Clean Water Funds (CWF) or other water quality related funding been spent in this same HUC-10 level subwatershed?

Maximum score 10 points

Score

Example: CWF, 5 grassed waterways in this HUC-10 watershed

Yes – 10 points

No – 0 points

6. Is the project predominantly a restoration easement or a protection easement?

Maximum score 5 points

Score

Restoration Easement = Land WITH crop history is greater than, or equal to, 60% of the easement offer; Protection Easement = Land WITHOUT crop history is greater than 40% of the easement offer.

Restoration Easement – 5 points

Protection Easement – 0 points

7. Is the land currently in CRP?

Maximum score 5 points

Score

Yes – 5 points

No – 0 points

CRP Contract Expiration Date

CRP Contract Practice

8. Proximity to existing permanently protected habitat complex

Maximum score 15 points

Score

Immediately adjacent – 15 points

Within 1 mile – 10 points

Within 2 miles – 5 points

None of the above – 0 points

9. Proximity to public land that is open for public hunting

Maximum score 10 points

Score

Immediately adjacent – 10 points

Within 2 miles – 5 points

None of the above – 0 points

10. Easement size

Maximum score 20 points

Score

Restoration Easement (more than 60% of land with crop history)

160 acres or larger – 20 points

100-159 acres – 15 points

80-99 acres – 10 points

50-79 acres – 5 points

Protection Easement (more than 40% of the land without crop history)

100 acres or larger – 20 points

80-99 acres – 15 points

60-79 acres – 10 points

40-59 acres – 5 points

11. Additional wildlife benefits

Maximum score 8 points

Score

[Additional wildlife benefits link](#)

Red – 8 points

Yellow – 6 points

Green – 4 points

Blue – 2 points

Gray or not applicable – 0 points

12. Wildlife Action Network (WAN) Score

Maximum score 10 points

Score

[WAN link](#)

High – 10 points

Medium-High – 8 points

Medium – 6 points

Low-Medium – 4 points

Low – 2 points

Not applicable – 0 points

BWSR Use Only

Program Manager Approval

Final Score