



# PINE RIVER AND LEECH LAKE WATERSHED PROTECTION ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS SCORING SHEET

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Landowner name	County/SWCD Office

Offers 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.

<b>Total Score</b>	
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<b>1</b>	<b>How many feet of shoreline will be included in the easement?</b> <i>(maximum score 30)</i>	<b>Score</b>	
Over 3,000 feet of shoreline – 30 points 2,000 to 3,000 feet of shoreline – 20 points 1,000 to 2,000 feet of shoreline – 15 points 500 to 1,000 feet of shoreline – 10 points Less than 500 feet of shoreline – 5 points			

<b>2</b>	<b>Is the easement located on a priority lake from the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (CWMP)?</b> <i>(maximum score 10 points)</i>	<b>Score</b>	
Yes – 10 points No – 0 points			

<b>3</b>	<b>What percent of the easement is developable?</b> <i>(maximum score 12 points)</i>	<b>Score</b>	
80% - 12 points 60% - 9 points 40% - 6 points 20% - 3 points			

<b>4</b>	<b>What is the width of the wetland fringe (distance between the upland and the bank/water)?</b> <i>(maximum score 10 points)</i>	<b>Score</b>	
0 feet – 10 points 150 feet – 5 points 300 – 0 points			

<b>5</b>	<b>Is there an urgency to move forward with the easement? Will the property opportunity be lost if action is not taken quickly?</b> <i>(maximum score 15 points)</i>	<b>Score</b>	
Yes – 15 points No – 0 points			

<b>6</b>	<b>Professional judgement: Is the landowner actively managing their land and riparian needs?</b> <i>(maximum score 20 points)</i>	<b>Score</b>	
Well managed – 20 points Normal managed – 10 points No management – 0 points			

<b>7</b>	<b>What is the RAQ score for all parcels, multiplied by 2?</b> <i>(maximum score 20 points)</i>	<b>Score</b>	
RAQ score of 9 or less – 10 points RAQ score of 10 or over – 20 points			

<b>8</b>	<b>Does the land adjoin another application or easement?</b> <i>(maximum score 10 points)</i>	<b>Score</b>	
Yes – 10 points No – 0 points			

<b>9</b>	<b>Does the land adjoin protected land?</b> <i>(State, federal, county, SFIA, etc.) (Maximum score 10 points)</i>	<b>Score</b>	
Yes – 10 points No – 0 points			

<b>10</b>	<b>What is the habitat value of the property? Consider its uniqueness and lack of existing development and shoreline alterations.</b> <i>(maximum score 10 points)</i>	<b>Score</b>	
High value – 10 points Moderate value – 6 points Low value – 3 points No value – 0 points			

<b>11</b>	<b>What is the percentage of the parcel/tract that will be in the easement?</b> <i>(maximum score 10 points)</i>	<b>Score</b>	
100% - 10 points 80% - 8 points 60% - 6 points 40% - 4 points 20% - 2 points 10% - 1 point			

<b>12</b>	<b>What is the percentage of the parcel/tract that is forest? (maximum score 10 points)</b>	<b>Score</b>	
	100% - 10 points 80% - 8 points 60% - 6 points 40% - 4 points 20% - 2 points 10% - 1 point		

<b>13</b>	<b>Is the project in an area identified as a priority in the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (CWMP)? (maximum score 10 points)</b>	<b>Score</b>	
	In a priority area for forest/habitat – 10 points In a priority area for something other than forest/habitat – 5 points Not in a priority area – 0 points		

<b>14</b>	<b>Is the landowner offering a discount for the purchase of the easement? (maximum score 20 points based on the percentage offered)</b>	<b>Score</b>	
	100% - 20 points 75% - 15 points 50% - 10 points 25% - 5 points		

Program Manager Approval – BWSR Use Only