



RIM 1W1P ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS SCORING SHEET



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

**1. Does this project make progress toward measurable goals in the Comprehensive Water Management Plan (CWMP)?**

*Maximum score 15 points* **Score**

*List the measurable goals toward which this easement helps make progress. Include page numbers from the plan and additional explanations below.*

- 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

**2. Is the project in an area identified as a priority in the CWMP?**

*Maximum score 15 points* **Score**

*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.*

- In a priority area for HABITAT – 15 points
- In a priority area – 10 points
- Not in a priority area – 0 points

**3. Does this project address other issues, priorities, or plan implementation items not described in Questions 1 or 2?**

*Maximum score 5 points* **Score**

*If "yes," describe below and list page numbers.*

- 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**

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

160 acres or larger – 20 points

100-159 acres – 15 points

80-99 acres – 10 points

50-79 acres – 5 points

**Restoration Easement (more than 60% of the land with 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