

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

**Application Ranking Summary**

**Riparian Habitat Restoration and Management**

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> Riparian Habitat Restoration and Management		<b>Applicant:</b>
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>		<b>Address:</b>
<b>Planner:</b>	<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>Farm Location:</b>		

**National Priorities Addressed**

<b>Issue Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Wildlife Habitat Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Address and support existing conservation initiatives such as but not limited to the following or new conservation initiatives that support State, National or tribal fish or wildlife plans: Sage Grouse, Lesser Prairie Chicken, Longleaf Pine, New England-New York Forestry	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Benefit federally listed threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, fish or wildlife species of concern?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. d. Benefit prioritized native habitat critical to a fish or wildlife species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. e. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. f. Eradicate or control prioritized noxious or invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. g. Benefit declining or important aquatic wildlife species prioritized in the State WHIP Plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. h. Implement conservation practices which benefit prioritized fish or wildlife species in forested areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. i. Establish habitat on pivot corners and irregular areas on agricultural land?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. j. Provide self-sustaining habitat for prioritized fish and wildlife while reducing net carbon emissions or boosting carbon storage (e.g., warm season perennial grasses, trees or shrubs)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. k. Benefit migration and other movement corridors for prioritized wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Conservation Implementation - Additional Ranking Considerations – Will the applicant in the proposed project:	
2. a. Complete habitat development within the first two years of the agreement?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**State Issues Addressed**

<b>Issue Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>
1. Project will positively impact riparian or aquatic habitat 50% or more of which is at or above 2800 feet in elevation	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Improves Eastern Brook trout Habitat	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Improves American Woodcock Habitat	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Improves other riparian or aquatic habitat	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Project will reduce or eliminate animal wastes, sediment, pesticides or other pollutants from a surface water resource such as a stream, or wetland.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Project will be installed in cooperation with USFWS Partners for Wildlife, Trout Unlimited, or other appropriate NGO .	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Local Issues Addressed**

<b>Issue Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>
1. Project includes excluding people, vehicles, livestock, or equipment from riparian areas used by the target species.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Project reduces habitat fragmentation by removing barriers such as improperly installed culverts or other	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

obstacles.	
3. Project includes management of native vegetation such as alder, hawthorn or similar species to create ESH for riparian wildlife.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Habitat created includes somewhat poorly to poorly drained soils.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Forested riparian habitats within the project area either exist or are planned to be greater than 75 feet wide (average width).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Land Use:**

Resource Concerns	Practices
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**Ranking Score**

<p>Efficiency:</p> <p>Local Issues:</p> <p>State Issues:</p> <p>National Issues:</p> <p><b>Final Ranking Score:</b></p>
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

<p><b>NRCS Representative:</b></p>  <p><b>Signature Date:</b></p>	<p><b>Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:</b></p>  <p><b>Signature Date:</b></p>
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