For NRCS use only:	**Easement No.**	**Parcel No.**

Landowner Name: _____

Farm Name (if applicable):_ _____

NRCS WRE Ranking Form

Part 1. Resource Ranking Factors (Maximum points = 200)	**Score (Make Selection)**
1. Hydrogeomorphic Class: (Maximum points = 25) • 25 points if 75% of the acres are estuarine, riverine or Carolina Bay, Mountain Bog or • 15 points if 75% of the acres can be described as depressions and slopes or • 10 points if 75% of the acres can be described as Flats or • 0 points if none of the above	
2. Hydrologic Restoration: ACEP-WRE Policy requires restoration of wetland hydrology to pre-manipulations conditions. Based on the county's soil survey reports "Water Features". Depth to water table value, obtained from web soil survey: (Maximum points = 100) • 100 points if at least 75% of area with a depth to water table of **0 – 30.5 cm (0 – 12 inches)** or • 50 points if at least 75% of acres with depth to water table of **30.5 – 61 cm (12 – 24 inches)** or • 0 points if at least 75% of area with water table depth of greater than **61 cm/greater than 24 inches**	0
3. WRE policy allows enrollment of adjacent lands if such land contributes significantly to the wetland functions and values of the restoration site. The acres of adjacent lands to be enrolled should not exceed the acres of otherwise eligible land to be enrolled. (Maximum points = 15) • 15 points for a ratio of ≤ 1.0, • 7 points for a ratio of > 1.0 and ≤ 2.0, • 0 points for a ratio > 2.0 $Ratio = \frac{Adjacent\ land\ (acres)}{Eligible\ wetland\ (acres)}$	0

4. Federal endangered or threatened species (Maximum points = 35) 35 points if plan is located ≤ one mile of a federal or state threatened or endangered species as documented on the NC Natural Heritage database. **Consult with USFS, Documentation must be provided** or 0 points if plan is not likely to affect any threatened, Endangered, or Special Concern Species	0
5. Proximity to wildlife corridors or specially designated waterbodies. (Maximum points = 10) 10 points if contiguous with a permanently protected wildlife conservation area of at least 100 acres in size or Contiguous with a 303d listed waterbody for which the WRPO will address the reason waterbody is listed (i.e. sediment). or 6 points if contiguous with state-designated Outstanding Resources Water, Primary Nursey Area, National/State Scenic River, or designated Trout Waters. or 4 points if offered site located adjacent to a permanent river, stream or natural lake. or 2 points if none of the above but will create a habitat corridor at least 300-feet wide that links existing protected habitats. or 0 points for none of the above.	0
6. Identify if 50% of the tract is one of the following (Maximum points =15) 15 points: Prior Converted (PC) or None Wetland (NW) with certified hydric soil or Wetland Manipulated production not possible (WX) or 12 points: Farmed Wetland (FW) or Farmed Wetland Pasture (FWP) or 9 points: Wetland (W) or 0 points: Upland buffer (NW) with certified non-hydric soil	0

Part 2. Program Ranking Factors (Maximum points = 200)	**Score (Make Selection)**
7. Hydric rating (Maximum points = 50) 50 points if 75% of the offered land has a hydric rating of 15-100 or 30 points if 75% of the offered land has a hydric rating of 1-14 0 points if none of the above	
8. Easement Duration (Maximum points = 10) 10 points if permanent easement else 0 points	0
9. State Priority Areas (Maximum points = 30) 30 points if in any of the following area: East Dismal Swamp (Washington, Beaufort, Hyde, or Martin County) or Scuppernong River headwaters in Tyrrell County or Lower Cape Fear Watershed (HUC 03030005: https://water.usgs.gov/wsc/cat/03030005.html or Target Parcels within the Sentinel Landscape High Priority Area (See general location here: https://repimap.org/?layer=EasternNCSL , but contact NRCS to determine if the WRE project is in a high priority/target area. 0 points if in any other area.	0
10. Productivity of the offered land (Maximum points = 40) 40 points if the offered area does not contain prime farmland soils. 10 points if the offered area does not contain soils of statewide importance. 0 points if the site has prime soil or soils of statewide importance.	
11. Declining Wetland Habitats of Special Concern (Maximum points = 30) 30 points for any of the following: Carolina Bay or Upland depressions (non-alluvial pools) in the Piedmont or Mountains or Bogs and fens in the Piedmont, Mountains or Sandhills or Alluvial pools on piedmont or mountain floodplains 0 points for any other wetland habitat.	0

12. Historically Underserved Producers (Maximum points = 20) 20 points for any producer defined at https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/people/outreach/slbfr/. Examples include: • Limited Resource Farmer or Rancher • Beginning Farmer or Rancher • Socially Disadvantaged Farmer or Rancher • Veteran Farmer or Rancher. 0 points if not any of the above	0
13. NRCS Easement Cost (Maximum points = 10) • 10 points if < 70% of the appraised value • 8 points if ≥ 70% and < 85% of the appraised value • 6 points if ≥ 85% and < 99% of the appraised value • 0 points if equal to the appraise value.	0
14. Cost Effectiveness (Maximum points = 10) • 10 points if low cost, e.g. Ditch plugs, Water Control Structure, tile removal • 5 point if medium cost, e.g. Items listed above plus, short sections of dike across drainage outlet, vegetation restoration • 0 points if high cost, e.g. items listed above plus, perimeter dike, spoil removal, macro topography creation, stream restoration.	0

Total Points for Resource Ranking questions: (Maximum =200)	0
Total Points for Program Ranking questions: (Maximum = 200)	0

Signature from NRCS Approving Official:	**Date:**

Signature from USFS Approving Official:	**Date:**

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