

Ranking Pool Report

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ACEP-WRE

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Pool Status Active

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Tags

Existing Practice Included No

National Pool No

Include States IN (Admin)

Land Uses and Modifiers

Land Use	Grazed	Wildlife	Irrigated	Hayed	Drained	Organic	Water Feature	Protected	Urban	Aquaculture
Associated Ag Land	--	--	--	--	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Crop	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Forest	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Other Rural Land	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Pasture	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Water	N/A	--	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--

Resource Concern Categories

Categories			
Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Animals (Aquatic habitat)	10	15	80
Animals (Terrestrial habitat)	10	15	80
Long term protection of land	10	70	80
Plants (Degraded plant condition)	0	--	70
Plants (Fire management)	0	--	5
Plants (Pest pressure)	0	--	70
Soil (Concentrated erosion)	0	--	70
Soil (Wind and water erosion)	0	--	15
Water (Field pesticide loss)	0	--	70
Water (Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss)	0	--	70
Water (Salt losses to water)	0	--	5
Water (Source water depletion)	0	--	70
Water (Storage and handling of pollutants)	0	--	70

Categories

Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water (Weather resilience)	0	--	20

Animals (Aquatic habitat)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Aquatic Habitat (Aquatic habitat for fish and other organisms)	50	100	100
Aquatic Habitat (Elevated water temperature)	0	--	50

Animals (Terrestrial habitat)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Terrestrial Habitat (Terrestrial habitat for wildlife and invertebrates)	100	100	100

Long term protection of land

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Loss of functions and values	85	85	100
Threat of conversion	0	15	15

Plants (Degraded plant condition)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Plant Health (Plant productivity and health)	0	50	100
Plant Health (Plant structure and composition)	0	50	100

Plants (Fire management)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Wildfire Hazard (Wildfire hazard from biomass accumulation)	100	100	100

Plants (Pest pressure)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Plant Health (Plant pest pressure)	100	100	100

Soil (Concentrated erosion)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Soil Erosion (Bank erosion from streams, shorelines or water conveyance channels)	0	--	100
Soil Erosion (Classic gully erosion)	0	50	50
Soil Erosion (Ephemeral gully erosion)	0	50	50

Soil (Wind and water erosion)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Soil Erosion (Sheet and rill erosion)	0	70	100
Soil Erosion (Wind erosion)	0	30	100

Water (Field pesticide loss)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quality (Pesticides transported to groundwater)	0	50	75
Water Quality (Pesticides transported to surface water)	25	50	100

Water (Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quality (Nutrients transported to groundwater)	0	30	100
Water Quality (Nutrients transported to surface water)	0	30	100
Water Quality (Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to groundwater)	0	--	15
Water Quality (Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to surface water)	0	--	15
Water Quality (Sediment transported to surface water)	0	40	100

Water (Salt losses to water)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quality (Salts transported to groundwater)	0	--	100
Water Quality (Salts transported to surface water)	0	100	100

Water (Source water depletion)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quantity (Groundwater depletion)	25	50	60
Water Quantity (Surface water depletion)	40	50	75

Water (Storage and handling of pollutants)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quality (Nutrients transported to groundwater)	0	50	100
Water Quality (Nutrients transported to surface water)	0	50	100
Water Quality (Petroleum, heavy metals and other pollutants transported to groundwater)	0	--	100
Water Quality (Petroleum, heavy metals and other pollutants transported to surface water)	0	--	100

Water (Weather resilience)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quantity (Drifted snow)	0	--	25
Water Quantity (Naturally available moisture use)	0	--	25
Water Quantity (Ponding and flooding)	0	35	100
Water Quantity (Seasonal high water table)	0	50	100
Water Quantity (Seeps)	0	15	25

Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Brush Management	314	00N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Herbaceous Weed Treatment	315	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Clearing and Snagging	326	00N	Conservation Practices
Conservation Cover	327	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Prescribed Burning	338	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Cover Crop	340	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Critical Area Planting	342	00N	Conservation Practices
Dam, Diversion	348	00N	Conservation Practices
Well Decommissioning	351	00N	Conservation Practices
Dike and Levee	356	00N	Conservation Practices
Diversion	362	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment and Renovation	380	00N	Conservation Practices
Fence	382	00N, 03N, 04N	Conservation Practices
Field Border	386	00N	Conservation Practices
Riparian Herbaceous Cover	390	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Riparian Forest Buffer	391	00N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Filter Strip	393	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Firebreak	394	00N	Conservation Practices
Stream Habitat Improvement and Management	395	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Aquatic Organism Passage	396	00N	Conservation Practices
Dam	402	00N	Conservation Practices
Grade Stabilization Structure	410	00N	Conservation Practices
Grassed Waterway	412	00N	Conservation Practices
Wildlife Habitat Planting	420	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Land Smoothing	466	00N	Conservation Practices
Access Control	472	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Mulching	484	00N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Tree/Shrub Site Preparation	490	00N	Conservation Practices
Obstruction Removal	500	00N	Conservation Practices
Pumping Plant	533	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Drainage Water Management	554	00N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Access Road	560	00N	Conservation Practices
Trails and Walkways	575	00N	Conservation Practices
Stream Crossing	578	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Streambank and Shoreline Protection	580	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Channel Bed Stabilization	584	00N	Conservation Practices
Structure for Water Control	587	00N	Conservation Practices
Nutrient Management	590	00N, 06N, 07N, 08N	Conservation Practices
Pest Management Conservation System	595	00N, 05N, 06N, 07N	Conservation Practices
Terrace	600	00N	Conservation Practices
Surface Drain, Field Ditch	607	00N	Conservation Practices
Surface Roughening	609	00N	Conservation Practices
Tree/Shrub Establishment	612	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Underground Outlet	620	00N	Conservation Practices
Restoration of Rare or Declining Natural Communities	643	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management	644	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management	645	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Seasonal Water Management for Wildlife	646	00N	Conservation Practices
Early Successional Habitat Development-Mgt	647	00N	Conservation Practices
Structures for Wildlife	649	00N	Conservation Practices
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation	650	00N	Conservation Practices
Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment	654	00N	Conservation Practices
Forest Trails and Landings	655	00N	Conservation Practices
Constructed Wetland	656	00N	Conservation Practices
Wetland Restoration	657	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Wetland Creation	658	00N	Conservation Practices
Wetland Enhancement	659	00N	Conservation Practices
Forest Stand Improvement	666	00N	Conservation Practices
Acquisition Process - Appraisal	LTAPA	00N	Easements
Acquisition Process - Appraisal Update	LTAPAU	00N	Easements
Acquisition Process - Boundary Survey	LTAPBS	00N	Easements
Acquisition Process - Closing Services	LTAPCS	00N	Easements
Acquisition Process - Environmental Database Records Search	LTAPERS	00N	Easements
Acquisition Process - Full Phase I	LTAPFP1	00N	Easements
Acquisition Process - Ingress Egress	LTAPIE	00N	Easements
Acquisition Process - Appraisal Technical Review First Review	LTAPTR1	00N	Easements
Acquisition Process - Appraisal Technical Review Second Review	LTAPTR2	00N	Easements
Acquisition Process - Title Search	LTAPTS	00N	Easements
Long-Term Protection of Land - 30-Year Easement	LTP30YE	00N	Easements
Long-Term Protection of Land - Permanent Easement	LTPPE	00N	Easements

Ranking Weights

Factors	Algorithm	Allowable Min	Default	Allowable Max
Vulnerabilities	Default	10	10	30
Planned Practice Effects	Default	5	10	10
Resource Priorities	Default	20	40	70
Program Priorities	Default	15	40	50

Factors	Algorithm	Allowable Min	Default	Allowable Max
Efficiencies	Default	0	0	0

Display Group: IN FY26 WRE (Active)



An asterisk will be displayed to show that it is a conditional section or conditional question.

Survey: Applicability Questions

Section: Applicability Question		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the application eligible for WRE?	YES	--
	NO	--

Survey: Category Questions

Section: Category Question		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
In which Indiana NRCS Administrative Area is the application administered?	NW (Northwest)	--
	SW (Southwest)	--
	NE (Northeast)	--
	SE (Southeast)	--

Survey: Program Questions

Section: Program Questions		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Will the proposed easement be held permanently?	YES	50
	NO	0
Will the landowner or other conservation partner contribute towards the cost of the easement and/or restoration?	Landowner will contribute greater than 25% of the easement's Fair Market Value (FMV) towards the purchase or restoration.	20
	Landowner will contribute between 10% and 25% of the easement's Fair Market Value (FMV) towards the purchase or restoration.	15
	Landowner will contribute less than 10% of the easement's Fair Market Value (FMV) towards the purchase or restoration.	5
	Landowner will not make additional contribution towards the purchase cost of the easement and/or restoration to offset the cost to NRCS.	0

Section: Program Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Are greater than 50% of the soils within the proposed easement boundary considered HYDRIC soils according to WebSoil Survey?	YES	30
	NO	0
How does the total estimated restoration cost for the proposed easement area compare to the fair market value of the property to be protected (FMV calculated using the FY25 IN GARC Values)?	Total restoration cost is <50% of the fee-title fair market value of the proposed easement area.	15
	Total restoration cost is 51-80% of the fee-title fair market value of the proposed easement area.	7
	Total restoration cost is >80% of the fee-title fair market value of the proposed easement area.	0
What is the closest "eligible land" to "adjacent land" ratio for the proposed easement area?	1:1 or Less (eligible:adjacent)	20
	Greater than 1:1 but less than 1:3 (eligible:adjacent)	7
	Greater than 1:3 (eligible:adjacent)	0
Does T&E Species data indicate a State and/or Federally Threatened or Endangered Species will be positively impacted by the restoration?	YES	35
	NO	0
Proximity of other lands permanently protected (or that will be permanently protected) for the purpose of wildlife and habitat conservation in relation to the proposed easement area.	Adjacent (directly having a shared boundary)	30
	Within .5 miles	15
	Within 1 mile	10
	Within 2 miles	5
	Greater than 2 miles	0

Survey: Resource Questions

Section: Resource Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the proposed easement area fall within a US Fish & Wildlife Service Critical Habitat area?	Yes	15
	No	0
What percentage of eligible acres with altered hydrology is restorable and will be restored through the implementation of the Wetland Restoration Plan of Operations?	Greater than 90%	50
	Less than 90%	0
How many different types of wetlands will exist within the easement boundary after restoration (ex: bog, fen, marsh, sedge meadows, pothole, swamp)? Reference to definitions: DNR: Nature Preserves: Indiana Wetlands	3 or more	30
	2	15
	1	0
Will the proposed easement area act as a buffer for an adjacent water body from surface water flow traveling across the easement from adjacent non-easement land in agricultural production?	YES	15
	NO	0

Section: Resource Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Amount of potential Operation and Maintenance, repair and replacement required for duration of easement.	Minimal (no structures, vegetative management only, <15% invasive species coverage on-site)	15
	Moderate (water control structure present, levees, invasive species less than 50% coverage)	7
	Intensive (significant structure maintenance long-term, invasive species coverage above 50%)	0
What percentage of hydrological restoration will provide hydrologic conditions suitable for the needs of native wetland dependent wildlife species that occur in the area?	Greater than or equal to 50%	25
	Below 50%	0
What percentage of the restorable land will provide flood water attenuation?	Greater than 25% of the proposed easement area is classified as Frequent or Very Frequent: Chance of Flooding is more than 50% in any year.	15
	Greater than 25% of the proposed easement area is classified as Occasional: Chance of Flooding is 5% to 50% in any year.	7
	Less than 25% of the proposed easement area is classified as Frequent or Very Frequent or Occasional Flooding.	0
Do landscape features exist within the proposed easement area which would hinder hydrology restoration? (Consider geomorphic position, slope, water table depths)?	YES	0
	NO	10

Detailed Assessments

Name	Type	Jurisdiction	Status
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