

ACEP-WRE Screening Assessment and Prioritization Form
PERMANENT OR 30 YR EASEMENT

(LA-Oct.2020)

Landowner's Name

Application No:

Parish:

Address

Conducted by:

Date:

Easement Type

Total Acres in Application:

Total Eligible Acres in Application:

Screening Assessment Factors (Environmental Benefit Considerations):Point Values

1. Location Significance..... =

Proximity of application to permanently protected areas (i.e.,	Points
Properties Adjoining a protected area or within red zone of FBBRDSM where permanent cover is being established on 50% or more of the offered acres	
Properties Adjoining a protected area or within red zone of FBBRDSM	
Properties within 1/4 mile of a protected area or within yellow zone of FBBRDSM where permanent cover is being established on 50% or more of the offered acres	
Properties within 1/4 mile of a protected area or within yellow zone of FBBRDSM	
Properties 1/4 to 1/2 mile of a protected area or within green zone of FBBRDSM where permanent cover is being established on 50% or more of the offered acres	
Properties 1/4 to 1/2 of a mile protected area or within green zone of FBBRDSM	
Properties 1/2 to 1 mileof a protected area or within light blue zone of FBBRDSM where permanent cover is being established on 50% or more of the offered acres	
Properties 1/2 to 1 mile of a protected area or within light blue zone of FBBRDSM	
Properties within 1 mile to 2 mile of a protected area	
Properties more than 1 mile	

2. Wildlife Habitat
Threatened & Endangered Species..... =

Location of Easement Relative to T&E Species.	Points
Within or adjacent to areas identified within the USFWS/LDWF Threatened & Endangered Species Priority Habitats - Conservation Program Ranking Maps	
High with T&E species habitat benefiting practices implemented on 50% or more of the offered acres	
Medium with T&E species habitat benefiting practices implemented on 50% or more of the offered acres	
Low with T&E species habitat benefiting practices implemented on 50% or more of the offered acres	
High with 49% or less restorable habitat benefits	
Medium with 49% or less restorable habitat benefits	
Low with 49% or less restorable habitat benefits	
Areas Not identified within the USFWS/LDWF Threatened & Endangered Species Priority Habitats - Conservation Program Ranking Maps	
Additional/ Bonus T & E Points	
Application that benefit more than one species as identified within the USFWS/LDWF Threatened & Endangered Species Priority Habitats - Conservation Program Ranking Maps	

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3. Water Quality

Surface Water Filtering Effect.....(percentages are inclusive)..... =

Easements that contain depressional "sump" areas	Points
50 % or more of proposed acreage	
41% - 50%	
31% - 40%	
21% - 30%	
11%- 20%	
0% - 10%	

Site Location Related to Water Bodies	Points
Sites Located within subsegments of water bodies partially or not meeting designated uses as identified in the Water Quality Inventory 305b or 303d reports where water quality will be substantially improved through the establishment of permanent coveron at least 50 percent of the offered acres.	
Sites Located within subsegments of water bodies partially or not meeting designated uses as identified in the Water Quality Inventory 305b or 303d reports not meeting the 50% permanent cover criteria.	
Sites with potential to restore riparian areas. Riparian areas are considered adjoining perennial or intermittent streams, lakes, sloughs, etc. Identified as blue lines on USGS Topographic maps	
Sites not identified within previous two categories.	

4. Easement Duration

Eaement Duration	Points
Offered application is being consdiered for a permanent easement.	
Offered application is being considered for a 30 year easement.	

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5. Hydrology

= 0

Existing Condition	Hydrology After Restoration	Increment Score	Percent of Total Ac. Restored	Factor	Points
Existing Cropland/Pasture	Semi-Permanently to permanently flooded			0.33	0
	Seasonally Flooded for Long Duration			0.33	0
	Irregular Flooding Increased			0.33	0
	Micro-Lows Pond more water			0.33	0
	No Measures Taken to Improve Hydrology			0.33	0
Shrub/Scrub - 3 to 7 years fallow	Semi-Permanently to permanently flooded			0.33	0
	Seasonally Flooded for Long Duration			0.33	0
	Irregular Flooding Increased			0.33	0
	Micro-Lows Pond more water			0.33	0
	No Measures Taken to Improve Hydrology			0.33	0
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Active or within 5 years of expiration	Semi-Permanently to permanently flooded			0.33	0
	Seasonally Flooded for Long Duration			0.33	0
	Irregular Flooding Increased			0.33	0
	Micro-Lows Pond more water			0.33	0
	No Measures Taken to Improve Hydrology			0.33	0
Degraded Fresh Marsh	Semi-Permanently to permanently flooded			0.33	0
	Seasonally Flooded for Long Duration			0.33	0
	Irregular Flooding Increased			0.33	0
	Micro-Lows Pond more water			0.33	0
	No Measures Taken to Improve Hydrology			0.33	0
Degraded Intermediate Marsh	Semi-Permanently to permanently flooded			0.33	0
	Seasonally Flooded for Long Duration			0.33	0
	Irregular Flooding Increased			0.33	0
	Micro-Lows Pond more water			0.33	0
	No Measures Taken to Improve Hydrology			0.33	0
Degraded Cypress Brake	Semi-Permanently to permanently flooded			0.33	0
	Seasonally Flooded for Long Duration			0.33	0
	Irregular Flooding Increased			0.33	0
	Micro-Lows Pond more water			0.33	0
	No Measures Taken to Improve Hydrology			0.33	0
Degraded Bottom Land Hardwood/ Wet Pine Forest/CRP expired > 5 years	Seasonally Flooded for Long Duration			0.33	0
	Irregular Flooding Increased			0.33	0
	Micro-Lows Pond more water			0.33	0
	No Measures Taken to Improve Hydrology			0.33	0
Degraded Brackish/Saline Marsh	Semi-Permanently to permanently flooded			0.33	0
	Seasonally Flooded for Long Duration			0.33	0
	Irregular Flooding Increased			0.33	0
	Micro-Lows Pond more water			0.33	0
	No Measures Taken to Improve Hydrology			0.33	0
Existing Woodlands	Seasonally Flooded for Long Duration			0.33	0
	Irregular Flooding Increased			0.33	0
	Micro-Lows Pond more water			0.33	0
	No Measures Taken to Improve Hydrology			0.33	0
Must = 100%				Use 2 decimal places	

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6. Habitat Diversity

Restorable or Existing Habitat types include: Shallow Water Area, Bottomland Hardwood, Native Grass, Saturated Wetland, Existing Pond, Slough, Marsh, Ridge/Swale, or Pine Forest

Habitat Types:	Points	=	
Four or more habitat types:			
Three habitat types:			
Two habitat types:			
One habitat type:			

SUBTOTAL POINT VALUE OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS..... = 0

Screening Assessment Factors (Economic Considerations):

7. O&M and Management..... =

Amount of O&M Required	Points
No Operation and Maintenance of restoration practices above normal management and maintenance activities.	
Operation and Maintenance of restoration practices required above normal management and maintenance activities.(Includes large levee and water control structure maintenance in batture and coastal marshes, and heavy flood areas.)	

8. Cost Benefit Comparison =

	Estimated Easement Cost (GARC or Landowner offer)
	Estimated Restoration Cost
	Environmental Benefits (Point values taken from 1-5 above.)
	Total Dollar Amount Received from Third Party/Partners

Are there restrictive use easements currently in place within the offered area? Y/N
If Yes, Type/Name of existing restrictive use easement:

Formula= ((Total Environmental Points* Total Eligible Acres*10)/((Estimated Easement Cost)+(Estimated Restoration Cost*10))*100

The maximum points for Cost Benefit Comparison will not exceed 400 points.

SUBTOTAL POINT VALUE OF ECONOMIC FACTORS..... =

The preliminary restoration plan should not by any means be construed as the final restoration plan. It is the intent of NRCS to work with the landowner to restore and protect the tentative easement. However, NRCS will be the final decision making authority for restoration.

ANY ALTERATION OF SITE HYDROLOGY OR VEGETATIVE COVER AFTER RANKING AND PRIOR TO EASEMENT CLOSING WILL CAUSE THIS WRP APPLICATION AND RANKING TO BE INELIGIBLE FOR PROGRAM BENEFITS!

TOTAL POINT VALUE OF SCREENING ASSESSMENT..... =

NRCS and/or State/Federal Partners Attending Screening Field Visit: (Name/Agency)

Signatures:

NRCS EPPI Team or Designee: Date: