



Ranking Pool Report

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FY26 MD EQIP General National Initiatives

Program EQIP

Display Group: FY26 MD EQIP General National Initiatives (Active)

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

Survey: MD National Initiatives Applicability Question- FY26

Section: National Initiatives Applicability Question		
Question	Answer Choices	
Is this application located predominantly in the regional air quality (NAQI) priority areas; within the Working Lands for Wildlife Golden-Winged Warbler (GWWA) project area; OR within the NWQI watersheds?	YES	
	NO	

Survey: MD National Initiatives Category Questions- FY26

Section: National Initiatives Categories		
Question	Answer Choices	

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Question	Answer Choices	
Select the National Initiatives categories to which the assessment is applicable. (Ensure the assessment is eligible for and appropriately aligned with the selected categories)	National Air Quality Initiative (NAQI)	
	WLFW Golden-Winged Warbler (GWWA)	
	NWQI - Catoctin Creek (L, M, U)	
	NWQI - Little Pipe Creek (L, M, U)	
	NWQI - Prettyboy Reservoir-Gunpowder Falls	
	RESERVE 1- DO NOT USE	
	RESERVE 2- DO NOT USE	
	RESERVE 3- DO NOT USE	

Survey: MD National Initiatives Program Questions- FY26

Section: General Program Questions

Question	Answer Choices	
Has the applicant had a contract in any NRCS program terminated for reasons within their control in the last three years; OR does the applicant have an existing contract in any NRCS program that has been determined to be in noncompliance for reasons within their control, and is currently under an active NRCS-CPA-153?	YES	
	NO	
Does the applicant meet the NRCS definition of a veteran farmer or rancher (VFR)?	YES	
	NO	
Did the applicant participate in the CRP Transition Incentives Program (TIP), and has the land in the EQIP application come out of CRP within the last 2 years?	YES	
	NO	
Do the planned primary practices address water quality concerns?	YES	
	NO	
Does the applicant have a current Nutrient Management plan on the land that is being enrolled OR are they exempt from requirements to have a nutrient management plan?	YES	
	NO	

Section: NWQI Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	
Is this project located in the Prettyboy Reservoir-Gunpowder Falls, Catoctin Creek, and/or Little Pipe Creek Watersheds?	YES	
	NO	
Do the PLUs included in the application intersect the NWQI national layer of watersheds by at least 50% (geospatial answer)	Yes, Catoctin Creek	
	Yes, Little Pipe Creek	
	Yes, Prettyboy Reservoir-Gunpowder Falls	
	No, does not intersect any NWQI watershed	
Are the practices in the application identified as predominantly in the NWQI watershed assessment?	YES	
	NO	

Section: NAQI Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	
Does this application address the identified priority agricultural air quality resource concerns designated in the regional air quality priority areas of Anne Arundel, Cecil, Kent, Queen Annes, Caroline, Calvert, Talbot, Wicomico, Dorchester, Worcester, and Somerset counties?	YES	
	NO	

Section: GWWA Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	
Is this an application for implementation of practices to address resource concerns tied to the WLFW Golden-Winged Warbler (GWWA) species? Conservation plans must include at least one core practice. (Eligible Core Activity/Practices: 106, 643, 644, 645, 647) (Eligible Supporting Practices: 314, 315, 327, 338, 342, 382, 386, 394, 420, 472, 484, 490, 528, 612, 655, 666)	Yes	
	No	
Does the PLU intersect the national WLFW GWWA project boundary layer filename WLFW Golden-Winged Warbler ProjectBndy in the CART geoportal? (geospatial answer)	YES, intersects	
	NO	

Survey: MD National Initiatives Resource Questions- FY26

Section: General Resource Questions

Question	Answer Choices	
Are any planned primary practices avoid or control practices from the Avoid-Control-Trap list?	YES	
	NO	
Does the tract(s) currently have, or will the application result in permanent buffers of at least 35 feet in width on all surface waters?	YES	
	NO	
Does the application address all soil erosion and water quality resource concerns on the tract(s) that are included in the application? (If not applicable select NO)	YES	
	NO	
Will the application result in the creation or improvement of habitat for wildlife or invertebrates?	YES	
	NO	
How many of the resource priorities will the application address: air quality, aquatic or terrestrial habitat, forest health, grazing, soil erosion, soil health, water quality?	1-2 resource concerns	
	3-4 resource concerns	
	5-6 resource concerns	
	7-8 resource concerns	
	None	

Section: NWQI Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	
Does the application address resource concerns located in the identified NWQI Watershed?	YES	
	NO	

Section: NWQI Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	
Does the application address water quality resource concerns related to livestock?	YES	
	NO	
Does the application complete the implementation of a CNMP?	YES	
	NO	
Are the planned primary practices that address water quality concerns within 500 feet of surface waters?	YES	
	NO	
Do the planned primary practices address surface loss and/or leaching loss of nutrients?	Addresses surface loss AND leaching loss of nutrients (Both)	
	Addresses surface loss OR leaching loss of nutrients (One)	
	Does not address either (None)	
If the application includes grazing lands, does the plan include Prescribed Grazing (528)?	YES	
	NO	
If the land included in the application includes an animal feeding area, does the plan address all water quality concerns with the animal feeding area?	YES	
	NO	
Does the application address all concentrated erosion concerns on the lands included in the application?	YES	
	NO	
Do the PLUs intersect the critical source areas identified in the NWQI watershed assessment? (geospatial answer)	Intersects	
	No intersection	

Section: NAQI Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	
Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), nitrous oxide (N2O), and airborne reactive nitrogen?	YES	
	NO	
Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	YES	
	NO	
How many practices will be implemented in the contract to address air quality resource concern? (Eligible NAQI Practices: 309, 316, 317, 327, 329, 336, 340, 342, 345, 360, 366, 367, 372, 374, 380, 381, 384, 386, 390, 391, 420, 422, 442, 484, 512, 528, 533, 590, 591, 592, 595, 612, 629, 632, 633, 635, 657, 658, 666, 672)	Three or more practices.	
	Two or more practices.	
	Only one practice.	
	No practices	
Implementation of a practice will result in addressing how many resource concerns: (Eligible NAQI Practices: 309, 316, 317, 327, 329, 336, 340, 342, 345, 360, 366, 367, 372, 374, 380, 381, 384, 386, 390, 391, 420, 422, 442, 484, 512, 528, 533, 590, 591, 592, 595, 612, 629, 632, 633, 635, 657, 658, 666, 672)	Three (3) resource concerns addressed	
	Two (2) resource concerns addressed	
	One (1) resource concern addressed	
	No resource concerns	

Section: GWWA Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	
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Section: GWWA Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	
Habitat priority. Does the PLU intersect the priority area for conservation (PAC) filename WLFW_Golden-Winged_Warbler_PriorityArea_FY21 in the CART geoportal? (geospatial answer)	PLU intersects a PAC	
	PLU is within 4 miles of a PAC	
	PLU is within 9 miles of a PAC	
	PLU is within 15 miles of a PAC	
	Not Applicable	
Direct Target Species Benefits - Has a site survey/database documented GWWA on or near the PLU in the past 3 years?	GWWA occurrence documented on the PLU within 3 years	
	GWWA occurrence documented within 2 miles of the PLU within 3 years	
	GWWA occurrence documented within 1 mile of the PLU within 3 years	
	Any other answer	
Threats Addressed on PLU- Are primary threats being addressed on the PLU? (Threats may be estimated using aerial images.) Threat 1 - Loss of young forests habitat within Eastern Deciduous Forests:	Within 1.5 miles of the PLU, the landcover is more than 75 forested and more than 90 percent deciduous	
	Within 4 miles of the PLU, the landcover is more than 75 forested and more than 90 percent deciduous	
	Within 9 miles of the PLU, the landcover is more than 5 forested and more than 90 percent deciduous	
	Within 15 miles of the PLU, the landcover is more than 75 forested and more than 90 percent deciduous	
	Any other answer	
Threats Addressed on PLU- Threat 2 - Lack of management in ACTIVE, SEASONALLY OCCUPIED breeding habitat:	Habitat conditions on the PLU are degrading below GWWA nesting state (i.e. closed canopy sapling or shrub layer present and thus minimal or lack of herbaceous ground cover intermixed among shrub/sapling cover)	
	Habitat conditions within 1.5 miles of the PLU are degrading below GWWA nesting state (i.e. closed canopy sapling or shrub layer present and thus minimal or lack of herbaceous ground cover intermixed among shrub/sapling cover)	
	Does not apply	
Landscape Position of the PLU - Does the larger landscape surrounding the PLU contain: other young forest habitat, old field, natural shrub wetlands, or a regeneration timber harvest?	Yes within 4 miles	
	Yes within 9 miles	
	Yes within 15 miles	
	No	
What is the elevation of the planned GWWA habitat?	1300 ft or greater	
	950 ft to 1299 ft	
	less than 950 ft	

Detailed Assessments

Name	Type	Jurisdiction	Status
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