

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**  
**Application Ranking Summary**  
**Great Lakes Chautauqua-Conneaut**

<b>Program:</b> EQIP 2008	<b>Ranking Date:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> Great Lakes Chautauqua-Conneaut	
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>	
<b>Planner:</b>	
<b>Farm Location:</b>	
<b>National Priorities Addressed</b>	
Issue Questions	Responses
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	15 Point(s)
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	10 Point(s)
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	5 Point(s)
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas ( <a href="http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html">http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html</a> )?	15 Point(s)
2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5% and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	10 Point(s)
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	10 Point(s)
Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	15 Point(s)
3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	15 Point(s)
3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	10 Point(s)
High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil “T”)?	15 Point(s)
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	15 Point(s)
5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	15 Point(s)
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species?	10 Point(s)
6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	10 Point(s)
6. c. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?	10 Point(s)
6. d. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	10 Point(s)
6. e. Implement precision agricultural methods?	10 Point(s)
Strategic Initiative – Energy Conservation and Sustainable Production Energy Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	10 Point(s)
Business Lines – Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	

8. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation?	10 Point(s)
8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system?	10 Point(s)
Does the applicant meet the following conditions:	
9. a. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance?	10 Point(s)
9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	5 Point(s)
9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application?	5 Point(s)
<b>State Issues Addressed</b>	
<b>Issue Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>
1. Does the applicant have a conservation plan (plan that adequately addresses soil erosion and water quality) for the land that is being offered for enrollment?	25 Point(s)
2. Is the applicant ready, willing and able to implement all practices within three years?	30 Point(s)
<b>Local Issues Addressed</b>	
<b>Issue Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>
Choose one of the following three questions	
1. Are the proposed contract areas located within 100 feet from a water body/water course?	80 Point(s)
2. Are the proposed contract areas located within 101 -249 feet from a water body/water course?	40 Point(s)
3. Are the proposed contract areas located more than 250 feet from a water body/water course?	20 Point(s)
<b>Land Use:</b> <b>Crop;</b> <b>Forest;</b> <b>Hay;</b> <b>Headquarters;</b> <b>Pasture;</b> <b>Wildlife;</b>	
<b>Resource Concerns</b>	<b>Practices</b>
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter	Access Control
	Brush Management
	Conservation Cover
	Critical Area Planting
	Early Successional Habitat Development/M
	Fence
	Field Border
	Forest Stand Improvement
	Hedgerow Planting
	Prescribed Grazing
	Riparian Forest Buffer
	Riparian Herbaceous Cover
	Streambank and Shoreline Protection
Tree/Shrub Establishment	
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management	
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Space	Access Control
	Brush Management
	Conservation Cover
	Field Border
	Forest Stand Improvement
	Hedgerow Planting
	Pipeline

	Prescribed Grazing
	Riparian Forest Buffer
	Riparian Herbaceous Cover
	Streambank and Shoreline Protection
	Tree/Shrub Establishment
	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
Fish and Wildlife: T&E Species: Declining Species, Species of Concern	Access Control
	Brush Management
	Conservation Cover
	Critical Area Planting
	Early Successional Habitat Development/M
	Fence
	Riparian Forest Buffer
	Riparian Herbaceous Cover
	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
Fish and Wildlife: Threatened and Endangered Fish and Wildlife Species	Access Control
	Conservation Cover
	Critical Area Planting
	Early Successional Habitat Development/M
	Riparian Forest Buffer
	Riparian Herbaceous Cover
	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
Soil Condition: Organic Matter Depletion	Conservation Cover
	Conservation Crop Rotation
	Cover Crop
	Residue Mgmt-No-Till/Strip Till/Direct S
	Tree/Shrub Establishment
Soil Erosion: Classic Gully	Critical Area Planting
	Diversion
	Grade Stabilization Structure
	Grassed Waterway
	Lined Waterway or Outlet
	Mulching
	Obstruction Removal
	Structure for Water Control
	Subsurface Drain
	Terrace
	Underground Outlet
Soil Erosion: Ephemeral Gully	Access Road
	Critical Area Planting
	Diversion
	Grade Stabilization Structure
	Grassed Waterway
	Lined Waterway or Outlet
	Mulching
	Obstruction Removal
	Residue Mgmt-No-Till/Strip Till/Direct S
	Structure for Water Control
	Subsurface Drain
	Terrace
	Tree/Shrub Establishment
	Underground Outlet
Soil Erosion: Sheet and Rill	Conservation Cover
	Conservation Crop Rotation
	Cover Crop
	Critical Area Planting

	Diversion
	Mulching
	Obstruction Removal
	Residue Mgmt-No-Till/Strip Till/Direct S
	Structure for Water Control
	Subsurface Drain
	Terrace
	Tree/Shrub Establishment
	Underground Outlet
Soil Erosion: Streambank	Conservation Cover
	Critical Area Planting
	Fence
	Grade Stabilization Structure
	Mulching
	Obstruction Removal
	Riparian Forest Buffer
	Riparian Herbaceous Cover
	Stream Crossing
	Subsurface Drain
	Tree/Shrub Establishment
	Underground Outlet
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Groundwater	Conservation Cover
	Conservation Crop Rotation
	Cover Crop
	Diversion
	Feed Management
	Grassed Waterway
	Integrated Pest Management
	Nutrient Management
	Obstruction Removal
	Riparian Forest Buffer
	Riparian Herbaceous Cover
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Conservation Cover
	Conservation Crop Rotation
	Cover Crop
	Critical Area Planting
	Diversion
	Feed Management
	Fence
	Grade Stabilization Structure
	Grassed Waterway
	Integrated Pest Management
	Nutrient Management
	Obstruction Removal
	Pipeline
	Residue Mgmt-No-Till/Strip Till/Direct S
	Riparian Forest Buffer
	Riparian Herbaceous Cover
	Spring Development
	Stream Crossing
	Structure for Water Control
	Underground Outlet
	Water Well
	Watering Facility

Water Quality: Excessive Suspended Sediment and Turbidity in Surface Water	Access Road
	Conservation Cover
	Conservation Crop Rotation
	Cover Crop
	Critical Area Planting
	Diversion
	Fence
	Grade Stabilization Structure
	Grassed Waterway
	Integrated Pest Management
	Nutrient Management
	Obstruction Removal
	Pipeline
	Residue Mgmt-No-Till/Strip Till/Direct S
	Riparian Forest Buffer
	Riparian Herbaceous Cover
	Spring Development
	Stream Crossing
	Structure for Water Control
	Subsurface Drain
Terrace	
Tree/Shrub Establishment	
Watering Facility	

Water Quality: Harmful Levels of Pesticides in Groundwater	Conservation Cover
	Cover Crop
	Field Border
	Filter Strip
	Integrated Pest Management
	Residue Mgmt-No-Till/Strip Till/Direct S
	Riparian Forest Buffer
	Riparian Herbaceous Cover
	Conservation Cover
	Cover Crop
	Diversion
	Field Border
	Filter Strip
	Integrated Pest Management
	Residue Mgmt-No-Till/Strip Till/Direct S
	Riparian Forest Buffer
	Riparian Herbaceous Cover
	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment

<b>Ranking Score</b>	
Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: <b>Final Ranking Score:</b>	
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	
Notes:	
NRCS Representative:	Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: