

Natural Resources Conservation Service
Application Ranking Summary
2011 Dam Removal/Streambank Protection

Program: CBWI 2008 **Ranking Date:**

Ranking Tool: Dam Removal/Streambank Protection

Final Ranking Score:

Planner:

Farm Location:

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
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1. a. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within special consideration river basins and/or designated CBWI priority watersheds?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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1. b. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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1. c. Improve control of livestock access to waters that flow to the Chesapeake Bay?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
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2. a. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5%?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
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3. a. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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3. b. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
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4. a. Reduce sheet and rill erosion from greater than tolerable limits (Soil “T”) to T or below T?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Improvement – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
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5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
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6. a. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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6. b. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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6. c. Implement precision agricultural methods?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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Contract Efficiencies – Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
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7. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within two years of contract obligation?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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7. b. Adoption of CBWI priority conservation practices or will complete an existing conservation system? (A conservation system is defined as a combination of conservation practices and resource management for the treatment of soil, water, air, plant, or animal resource concerns.)	Yes (O) or No (O)
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Does the applicant meet the following conditions:	
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8. a. Is this the applicant’s first EQIP application?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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8. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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8. c. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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1. Will the project implement new Fish Passage practices by removal of dams?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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2. Will the project treat eroding streambanks?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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3. Will the project implement new Stream Habitat Improvement and Management practices?	Yes (O) or No (O)
4. Is the project in an agriculturally-impaired 303d watershed?	Yes (O) or No (O)
5. Is the project in one of the Pennsylvania NRCS Chesapeake Bay CBWI Priority watersheds?	Yes (O) or No (O)
Local Issues Addressed	
Issue Questions	Responses
Choose no more than one of the following two questions:	
1. Will the applicant establish a Riparian Forest Buffer, protected from non-compatible activities (e.g. farming, logging) on the land bordering the stream?	Yes (O) or No (O)
2. Will the applicant establish a Riparian Herbaceous Buffer, protected from non-compatible activities (e.g. farming, logging) on the land bordering the stream?	Yes (O) or No (O)
Local Questions continued	
3. Will livestock be excluded from streams and/or wetlands except for stable crossings? (Points only if livestock currently on the project area)	Yes (O) or No (O)
4. Is the project adjoining an Exceptional Value, High Quality, Cold Water Fishery or Class A Wild Trout stream?	Yes (O) or No (O)
5. Does the applicant have a current Agricultural Erosion & Sedimentation plan that meets PA Chapter 102 requirements or a current conservation plan that adequately addresses soil erosion and water quality?	Yes (O) or No (O)
6. Is the application land protected from development by a conservation easement?	Yes (O) or No (O)
Practices	
Access Control	
Brush Management	
Conservation Cover	
Critical Area Planting	
Fence	
Filter Strip	
Fish Passage	
Herbaceous Weed Control	
Mulching	
Obstruction Removal	
Pipeline	
Pumping Plant	
Riparian Forest Buffer	
Riparian Herbaceous Cover	
Spring Development	
Stream Crossing	
Stream Habitat Improvement and Managemen	
Streambank and Shoreline Protection	
Subsurface Drain	
Tree/Shrub Establishment	
Underground Outlet	
Water Well	
Watering Facility	
Wetland Creation	
Wetland Enhancement	
Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management	