

Alabama 2015 WRE Ranking

APPLICANT NAME: _____ County: _____

APPLICATION NUMBER: 54-4101-15-_____ CIRCLE: Permanent or 30-year

PROPOSED WRE ACREAGE: _____ Hydric Soils: _____ Agricultural Soils: _____

PROPOSED MATCH ACREAGE: _____ SCORE: _____

A. HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED

Available Points		Score
50	Member of a Historically Underserved Group	

B. HYDROLOGY RESTORATION NEED

Determine percent of offered Wetland/Hydric Soil Acres. Exclude Buffer/Maturation Acres in the calculation.

WETLAND/HYDRIC SOIL ACRES: _____

Offered Wetland Acreage	Points	Score
Hydric = > 51%	200	
Hydric < 51% - 25%	100	
Hydric < 25% - 5%	50	
Hydric < 5% - 0%	0	

C. PERCENT RESTORABLE HYDROLOGY

Available Points	Original Hydrology that is Restorable	Score
175	75% or greater of the altered hydrology is restorable.	
100	50% to 74% of the altered hydrology is restorable.	
50	30% to 49% of the altered hydrology is restorable.	
25	Hydrology intact but hydrophytic vegetation needs restoration and creating new hydrology	
0	Hydrology intact but hydrophytic vegetation needs restoration	
		OUT OF 175

D. PROXIMITY TO PROTECTED LANDS

Points will be awarded to properties that are adjacent or near already protected areas, i.e. state-owned lands, federally-owned lands, existing Wetland Reserve easements, and other permanent easements, whether held by a NGO, state-government, local government, or land trust, wetland mitigation sites, and others.

Available Points	Location Priority	Score
80	Adjacent or adjoining protected property as described above	
50	Within 1 mile of protected property	
25	Within 1 - 5 miles of protected property	
0	Greater than 5 miles from protected property	
		OUT OF 80

E. WILDLIFE HABITAT – THREATENED AND/OR ENDANGERED SPECIES

Points in this category will not be routinely awarded and are only justified when either 1) accompanied by an opinion of a qualified professional wildlife biologist or botanist or 2) verified through T&E GIS data layer.

Available Points	Importance of Habitat to Threatened/Endangered Species	Score
150	Offered acres have known and verified use by FEDERAL listed Threatened (T) AND/OR Endangered (E) Species.	
75	Potential to provide high quality habitat for T, E, or C species or has state listed species on site.	
0	Project is not likely to support T & E species.	

F. BUFFER AREA – ADJACENT WETLANDS (< 50% OF OFFERED ACREAGE) Must be included in easement and have a minimum width of quality mast producing trees.

Available Points	Percentage of Wetland Portion Protected by Buffer	Score
120	≥100% of wetland portion is protected by buffer - All Sides	
60	≥75% of wetland portion is protected by buffer - 3 Sides	
40	≥50% of wetland portion is protected by buffer - 2 Sides	
20	≥25% of wetland portion is protected by buffer - 1 Side	
0	Less than 25% protected by buffer (i.e. no buffer or of the small buffer, it does not meet the criteria).	

G. 303 - IMPAIRED WATERSHED

Available Points	Score
40	PROPERTY LOCATED IN A 303 IMPAIRED WATERSHED? Y=40, N=0

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H. LENGTH OF TIME SINCE LAST TIMBER HARVEST THAT IMPROVED OFFERED ACRES BY PROVIDING HABITAT FOR WILDLIFE AND IMPROVING MOST PRODUCING TREES (COMPLETE HARVEST OR THINNING NOT FOR WILDLIE HABITAT MANAGEMENT)

Available Points	Length of Time since last timber harvest	Score
50	>20 years	
25	10-20 years	
0	<5 years	
		OUT OF 50

I. PRIORITY AREA

1. 1 mile or less of a named River (see attachment for list of eligible rivers) or pitcher plant bog

Available Points		Score
80	PROPERTY LOCATED IN NRCS-Alabama PRIORITY AREA 80, N=0	

J. DURATION OF WRP EASEMENT

Available Points	Easement Option	Score
150	Permanent Easement	
50	30-year Easement	

K. REDUCTION OF GARC COST: EASEMENT

Available Points	LANDOWNER WILLING TO TAKE A %AGE OF GARC	Score
80	70% of GARC	
40	50% of GARC	
0	At Cost	

L. RESTORATION COST

Available Points	Restoration Cost	Score
20	Less than \$400 per acre	
0	Greater than \$400 per acre	
		OUT OF 120

M. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Available Points	Easement Operation and Maintenance	Score
40	Minimum or no management required other than normal oversight and clearing (Prescribed burning is minimum maintenance)	
15	Infrequent maintenance required (i.e. repair/replacement water control structure)	
0	Frequent maintenance required (i.e. seasonal control water levels)	

N. COST BENEFIT

Fixed Costs – The Cost incurred after a Purchase Offer is accepted relative to Preliminary Legal, Hazardous Material Review, and Closing Costs Division by total easement costs. (Use \$3300 fixed costs 16.5 acres or fewer 0 points)

Available Points	Cost Benefit	Score
20	Costs are less than \$200 per acre	
0	Costs are more than \$200 per acre	

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WRE RANKING TEAM SIGNATURES

DATE OF SITE VISIT: _____

NRCS Easements Coordinator	_____

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