

National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) 2019 State and Local Questions

**State Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
<p>If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the State priority category.</p>	
<p>1. Is the program application for development of a TSP-prepared CAP? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other State-level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.</p>	400 Point(s)
<p>Water Quality – EPA Watersheds</p>	
<p>2. Does the application include core conservation practices that will be implemented within ¼ mile of a stream or water body that is threatened (i.e., receives significant runoff of excess nitrogen or phosphorous) and on the EPA 303(d) list, or listed as impaired with a TMDL in place and therefore not on the 303(d) list, or specified as a critical stream or water body authorized by the Regional Conservationist?</p>	100 Point(s)
<p>Geographic Impacts</p>	
<p>3. Are more than 75 percent of the acres treated: i. Located within a NWQI watershed AND ii. Do they have at least one core conservation practice planned on them?</p>	125 Point(s)
<p>Collaborative Efforts</p>	
<p>4. Are core conservation practices planned for the applicant's treated acres within an existing non-USDA water quality project area addressing the same or similar pollutants?</p>	75 Point(s)
<p>Effort to address watershed impairments</p>	
<p>5. Does this program application include the implementation of a system of conservation practices which address the NWQI primary resource concerns?</p>	50 Point(s)
<p>High Risk Soils</p>	
<p>6. Are core conservation practices to be implemented on offered acres with a majority of soil types that are classified hydrologic group D (high runoff) or group A (high infiltration)?</p>	50 Point(s)

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1. Is the program application for development of a TSP-prepared CAP? If answer is "Yes," do not answer any other State-level questions. If answer is "No," proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	250 Point(s)
Practice scenarios that result in a 70% or higher practice efficiency.	
2. Does the application include cover crop, conservation tillage, grassed waterway, ditch buffer, and riparian buffer?	250 Point(s)
3. Does the application include a practice to convert annual cropland to permanent cover/grass?	250 Point(s)
4. Does the application include conservation crop rotation, grassed waterway, ditch buffer, and riparian buffer?	250 Point(s)
5. Does the application include farmstead practices?	250 Point(s)
6. Does the application include livestock exclusion practices, fencing or grazing system practices?	250 Point(s)
Practice scenarios that result in a 50-69% practice efficiency.	
7. Does the application include conservation crop rotation, grassed waterway and riparian buffer?	200 Point(s)
8. Does the application include cover crop, residue and tillage management and manure injection?	200 Point(s)
9. Does the application include conservation crop rotation and conservation tillage?	200 Point(s)
10. Does the application include conservation crop rotation and riparian buffer?	200 Point(s)
11. Does the application include grassed waterway and riparian buffer?	200 Point(s)
12. Does the application include ditch buffer?	200 Point(s)
13. Does the application include residue and tillage management and reduced tillage?	200 Point(s)
Practice scenarios that result in a 23-49% practice efficiency.	
14. Does the application include riparian buffer?	100 Point(s)
15. Does the application include a reduction in manure P applied and grassed waterway?	100 Point(s)
16. Does the application include cover crop?	100 Point(s)
17. Does this application include cover crop and manure injection?	100 Point(s)
18. Does the application include conservation crop rotation?	100 Point(s)
19. Does the application include grassed waterway?	100 Point(s)
20. Does the application include conversion from annual cropland to permanent hay?	100 Point(s)