

New Hampshire Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program - FINAL 2004 Ranking Criteria - March 3, 2004

The primary emphasis of the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program is to create, restore and enhance wildlife habitat. Cooperative agreements provide financial assistance to enhance wildlife habitat for upland wildlife, wetland wildlife, threatened and endangered species, fish habitat and other types of wildlife. Ranking criteria has been established to prioritize WHIP offers based on ecological, economic and social factors {517.13(a)}.

		Point Value	Total Points
Program Emphasis {517.019 (c)} Select one. Documentation required.	Proposal will enhance, or restore wildlife or fisheries habitat of National or State Significance including nationally or state listed rare, threatened and endangered species or in areas identified by NHI as unique and rare plant communities .	75	
	Proposal will enhance, or restore wildlife or fisheries habitat in any special emphasis area in the NH NRCS WHIP Plan (2003)	50	
	Proposal will result in restoration or enhancement of habitats for fish and wildlife species experiencing declining or significantly reduced populations, including migratory species.	25	
	Other benefits to wildlife	5	
Acres Benefiting Answer all that apply	Total on-site contract acreage	> 50 Ac = 30pts <50 and >20 Ac = 20 pts <20 Ac = 10 pts	
	Adjacent land acreage benefiting from WHIP. <u>Documentation required.</u>	> 50 ac = 10 pts. < 50 and > 20 ac = 5 pts < 20 ac = 2 pts.	
Partnerships and Landowner Contribution Select one.	Leveraged funds result in WHIP contributing 20% or less of the total project cost.	15	
	Leveraged funds result in WHIP contributing 20% to 50% of the total project cost.	10	
	Leveraged funds result in WHIP contributing 50% to 74% of the total project cost.	5	
	WHIP is providing 75% cost share	1	
Location in relation to wildlife habitat priority areas Select one.	Site and landscape are suitable for restoration. (e.g. pine barrens restoration in the Ossipee plains or 10-acre warm season grasslands surrounded by 50 acre of grasslands)	25	
	Moderate site and/or landscape limitations (e.g. pine barrens restoration on an isolated patch or excessively drained soils, on a 3-acre grassland surrounded by a forest).	10	
	Severe site and/or site limitations (e.g. wrong soils for proposed restoration)	-25	

Total points from page 1:	0
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Societal Benefits Select one.	Proposal will contribute significantly to the recreation and education of the community and will contribute to the aesthetical values of the region, including ecosystem restoration.	10	
	Proposal will have some contribution to the recreation and education of the community and will contribute to the aesthetical values of the region.	5	
	Proposal will have minimal social benefits.	1	

Annual operation and maintenance costs per acre over the life of the project.	≤\$250	10	
	>\$250 and ≤\$500	5	
	> \$500	1	

Estimated USDA cost per acre Select one.	≤\$1000	10	
	>\$1000 and ≤\$3000	5	
	> \$3000	1	

Likelihood of retaining habitat values and functions Select one.	High	10	
	Medium	5	
	Low	1	

Total points from page 2:	0
Total points from page 1:	0
Total ranking points:	0