

## 2009 Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) EASEMENT Application Screening Worksheet

**A Screening Worksheet is required to be completed for each eligible GRP EASEMENT application.**

**Instructions:**

This screening worksheet must be completed for each eligible producer applying for Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) easement contract. The goal of this screening tool is to ensure that conservation technical assistance and GRP dollars are efficiently allocated to address priority conservation needs related to the priorities of the 2008 Farm Bill.

Completion of this worksheet and documentation does not constitute agreement to provide GRP funding. The original screening worksheet should be filed with the applicant case file or GRP file and the screening priority (High, Medium, and Low) shall be recorded. **ONLY HIGH PRIORITY EASEMENT APPLICATIONS WILL BE RANKED FOR FUNDING.**

**Detailed Screening Criteria Worksheet – Complete for each eligible EQIP Applicant**

Applicant Name:		County:	
Application Type:	EASEMENT	Farm:	
		Tract:	
Proposed Easement Acres:		GARC Per Acre:	

**Instructions:** For each eligible application submitted by COB June 1, 2009, complete the following screening worksheet. Use of this screening tool is mandatory for GRP easement applications and must be completed prior to ranking applications.

Step One – Basic Eligibility:		Yes	Action:	No	Action
<b>A</b>	Is an application, AD-1153, complete, signed and dated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, Continue to B	<input type="checkbox"/>	No, do not process until application is complete.
<b>B</b>	Is the Land Eligible? Eligible land is grassland for which grazing is the predominant use. CRP acres expiring in 2009 are eligible for easement agreement.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, Continue to Step Two	<input type="checkbox"/>	No, application is ineligible

**Step Two – Priority Determination for Ranking – Circle One:**

<p><b>High Priority Category:</b></p> <p>A. Application with eligible land containing naturally occurring, existing Native Remnant Prairies*  <b>OR</b>            B. Application with eligible land containing or adjacent to land containing a National Civil War Battlefield.  <b>OR</b>            C. Application with eligible land located within a high priority county – Davidson, Fayette, Hamilton, Rutherford, Sevier, Shelby, Williamson, Wilson and meets one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Within one mile to permanently protected land.</li> <li>- Listed or directly adjacent to land listed on the National Registry of Historic Places (<a href="http://www.nps.gov/nr">www.nps.gov/nr</a>) or a TN State Owned Historic Site (<a href="http://www.tennessee.gov/environment/hist/stateown">http://www.tennessee.gov/environment/hist/stateown</a>).</li> <li>- Contains documented Historical, Cultural, or Archaeological resources.</li> </ul>	<b>High Priority</b>
<p><b>Medium Priority Category:</b></p> <p>A. Application with eligible land located within a medium priority county – Anderson, Bedford, Blount, Bradley, Cheatham, Cumberland, Dickson, Grainger, Jefferson, Knox, Loudon, Marshall, Maury, Montgomery, Monroe, Moore, Putnam, Roane, Robertson, Sequatchie, Sumner, Sullivan, Tipton, Washington and meets one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Within one mile to permanently protected land.</li> <li>- Listed or directly adjacent to land listed on the National Registry of Historic Places (<a href="http://www.nps.gov/nr">www.nps.gov/nr</a>) or a TN State Owned Historic Site (<a href="http://www.tennessee.gov/environment/hist/stateown">http://www.tennessee.gov/environment/hist/stateown</a>).</li> <li>- Contains documented Historical, Cultural, or Archaeological resources.</li> </ul>	<b>Medium Priority</b>
<p><b>Low Priority Category:</b></p> <p>-Application with eligible land NOT determined High or Medium Priority.</p>	<b>Low Priority</b>

\*See Native Remnant Prairies Requirement Sheet

The priority determination of High, Medium or Low must be recorded in the application file. **ONLY HIGH PRIORITY EASEMENT APPLICATIONS WILL BE RANKED FOR FUNDING.**

D.C. Approval:	Date Approved:
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