

NEW JERSEY RANKING CRITERIA FORM (10/11)

LANDOWNER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Applicant: _____ Region/County: _____








Date Received: _____ Date Reviewed: _____


Project Significance

Enter Points in yellow column.

1)	Does the project site occur in a Landscape Project Ranking of 5, 4, 3, 2 or 1? Or does it benefit a federally listed or candidate plant species		
	Actual ranking of patch within Landscape project or 5 if federally listed plant species Rank of 0 in Landscape Project	0	
2)	Individual or population of federal T&E species documented on site	10	
	OR Is contiguous grassland over 50 acres	10	
3)	Project is consistent with recommendations outlined within that region in the DEP's Wildlife Action Plan	10	
4)	If grassland project, actual value of area in NJ HIT grassland model (1 through 4)	4	
5)	Project area is part of or within permanently protected boundaries including preserved farmland, non-profit preserves, or land with conservation easement	8	
	OR Immediately adjacent to a state WMA, National Park, Forest, Wildlife Refuge or local county or non-governmental permanently protected open space, including farmland preserved properties or property with a conservation easement, that provides quality wildlife habitat for species planned for.	6	
<u>Benefits to Threatened and Endangered Species**</u>			
6)	LIP plan implementation benefits a federal or state T&E species	6	
	OR LIP plan benefits a state species of special concern	5	
7)	LIP project will benefit multiple listed species	5	
8)	Site provides access to habitats and resources needed for lifecycle completion and increases the ability of the individual/population to respond to environmental change through dispersal, migration, or re-colonization - connectivity		
	Very Good	8	
	Good	6	
	Fair	5	
	Poor	0	

Likelihood of Success

- 9) Applicant can demonstrate site is currently, actively managed for wildlife habitat 3 
 - 10) Applicant is not a non-profit conservation organization 3 
 - 11) Likelihood that project will show measurable results within management commitment timeframe
 - High 8 
 - Medium 6 
 - Low 2 
 - 12) Applicant is owner and producer/operator 5 
- OR**
- Landowner and tenant have signed agreement for cooperation 5 

Total:  **0**
Total Possible 75
Percent 0

Number of acres protected: _____
Estimated Cost of project: _____
Recommendation of biologist based on site visit: _____

Site Visit Date: _____ Biologist Name: _____
Recommendation of Committee: _____

** Proposed action must not have an adverse or negative impact on existing T&E species found on property