



# Example RIM Buffers for Wildlife & Water Scoring Form



During landowner signup, each enrollment requesting a Wildlife Habitat Buffer Expansion will be required to complete a score sheet with the following questions. Use these questions as a guide when answering question **5b** in the RIM Riparian Buffer RFP as a way to determine if your proposal area will be eligible.

**Offer must meet these minimum criteria to be eligible:**

- Offer is within the prairie section identified on the LSOHC map.
- Offer has maximum enrollment (200 feet average).
- Offer is built upon a Clean Water Fund buffer.

**1. Will this offer preserve an existing CRP contract?**

Points	Response
10	Yes
0	No

Score

**2. Is the offer within the watershed of an identified shallow lake?**

Points	Response
15	Yes
0	No

**3. Proximity to an existing protected habitat complex that is larger than 160 acres?**

Points	Response
20	Connects two protected habitats together
15	Immediately adjacent to a protected habitat
5	Within ½ mile of a protected habitat

**4. Proximity to public land that is open for public hunting?**

Points	Response
15	Immediately adjacent
10	Within 1 mile

**5. Type of water resource being buffered**

Points	Response
15	Lake
10	Natural Stream
0	Public Drainage System

**6. Type Vegetative Diversity on proposed site?**

Points	Response
10	Greater than 20 native species exist or planted
5	11 – 20 native species exist or planted
0	or fewer native species exist or planted

**7. Combined Easement Size**

Points	Response
15	Greater than 20 acres
10	11 – 19 acres
5	6 – 10 acres
0	5 or fewer acres

Total Score