

Panel Scientific and Technical Review Form
(Note: Review comments will be anonymous, but public.)

Proposal number: 2001-G207 Short Proposal Title: Sustaining Agriculture and Wildlife

1a) Are the objectives and hypotheses clearly stated?

Summary of Reviewers comments:

Yes. Clear

Panel Summary:

Objectives are laid out clearly. Hypotheses and the data needed to answer them are clearly stated.

1b1) Does the conceptual model clearly explain the underlying basis for the proposed work?

Summary of Reviewers comments:

Range from Great to Vague. The incorporation of examples would have made them more clear.

Panel Summary:

Vague, full of jargon that not all of us understand.

1b2) Is the approach well designed and appropriate for meeting the objectives of the project?

Summary of Reviewers comments:

Yes, but could be more clear. Not enough data presented, e.g., no budget page. Without a budget it is impossible to evaluate if the approach is appropriate for meeting project objectives.

Panel Summary:

Presentation of information is difficult to follow.

1c1) Has the applicant justified the selection of research, pilot or demonstration project, or a full-scale implementation project?

Summary of Reviewers comments:

Yes, this is a Demonstration. On-farm research and demonstration projects with strong outreach to growers will focus on the relationship between watershed health and farm profits.

Panel Summary:

Yes, the Panel agrees with the reviewers.

1c2) Is the project likely to generate information that can be used to inform future decision making?

Summary of Reviewers comments:

Yes. This the main goal of the project

Panel Summary:

Absolutely! Demonstration takes place on several private farms, so that the results can be particularly useful for the decision-making by other growers.

2a) Are the monitoring and information assessment plans adequate to assess the outcome of the project?

Summary of Reviewers comments:

Yes. The proposal presents a very detailed monitoring plan and methodology for assessing the results.

Panel Summary:

Yes. The Panel agrees.

2b) Are data collection, data management, data analysis, and reporting plans well-described, scientifically sound and adequate to meet the proposed objectives?

Summary of Reviewers comments:

Yes. The applicant has compiled a strong, diverse team of specialists to collect, manage, analyze, and report their findings.

Panel Summary:

Yes. Very numerous tasks appear to be covered by appropriate specialists.

3) Is the proposed work likely to be technically feasible?

Summary of Reviewers comments:

Yes. The project team is experienced and the landowners are on-board to participate.

Panel Summary:

Yes. Using well-established methods and experienced personnel

4) Is the proposed project team qualified to efficiently and effectively implement the proposed project?

Summary of Reviewers comments:

Yes. The applicant has compiled a diverse team of experienced personnel to cover each component of the project.

Panel Summary:

The panel agrees with the reviewers. This will be a lot of work.

5)Other comments

Great content and important work.

The Proposal could have been more focused and better organized (from the reviewer's point of view).

**Overall Evaluation
PANEL SUMMARY COMMENTS**

This proposal will support a very comprehensive program for planning and monitoring land management within a watershed, based upon established methods. Its major strength is that it will take place on private farms and will be a valuable demonstration for coordinated watershed management of agriculture and wildlife.

Summary Rating

- Excellent
- Very Good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

Your Rating: VERY GOOD