

Planning and restoration potential Quick Check for WRP (Wetlands Reserve Program)

Landowner: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Completed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Has this landowner owned the land for 7 years or more? Yes / No (if No, site is ineligible)**  
*(land may have been inherited, must have a clear title, and must have deeded access right of way from a public road)*

Current condition of site (circle, enter acres):	Cropland	_____ acres
	Pasture	_____ acres
Approximate restorable wetland area: _____ acres	Hardwood forest	_____ acres
Total Eligible acres: _____ acres	Natural pine or mixed forest	_____ acres
	Planted pine forest	_____ acres
Cutover hardwoods ( <i>must be &gt;7 years since timber harvest, if less, area is ineligible</i> )		_____ acres
Other: _____		_____ acres

**Has the wetland hydrology been altered or degraded?-----Yes / No**  
*(If No, site is ineligible except in certain circumstances, see eligible lands guidelines and ask NRCS Biologist)*

- Are functioning ditches or drainage tiles present?-----Yes / No
  1. Do any of the ditches provide drainage for adjacent property (not offered for WRP)?  
Yes / No
  2. \*Are there any conditions that would prevent plugging the ditches? -----Yes / No  
Explain:
- Are restrictions to the natural water regime present (berms, dikes, raised roads)?-----Yes / No
  1. \*Are there conditions that would prevent the removal of these restrictions?  
Explain:
- \*Are there any other conditions that would prevent or restrict wetland restoration?-----Yes / No
  1. all or part of the land is currently under a CRP contract-----Yes / No
  2. power line, gas line, sewer line, or other Right-of-Way(s) exists -----Yes / No
  3. property lines or public roads too close to areas of potential restoration-----Yes / No
  4. adjoining cropland-----Yes / No
  5. other: \_\_\_\_\_ -----Yes / No

**Additional Items to consider upfront and in planning:**

\*\*Is there an adequate borrow area on the upland area of the easement site if needed?-----Yes / No  
\*\*Is there an upland disposal site for fill within easement site if needed?-----Yes / No

- Is all or part of the site to be managed for a specific species or natural community?-----Yes / No  
List species or natural communities:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Are there invasive plants or animals present on the property? (plan to treat these) -----Yes / No  
List invasive species present:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Is the property in a riparian area? -----Yes / No
- Is the property adjacent to a permanently protected site?-----Yes / No  
Name of protected site: \_\_\_\_\_
- Planted pine stands included in easement will be planned for thinning to a low basal area (less than 60 BA) for wildlife benefit. The landowner can make the money from any thinning. Inform the landowner and make sure this is understood and acceptable. Is this acceptable?-----Yes / No

\*If restrictions to wetland restoration are obviously to great to warrant restoration efforts, the site should be deemed ineligible. If restrictions seem minimal, ask for assistance from an NRCS Biologist and Engineer to determine eligibility. \*\*Find out how close the nearest site is to obtain borrow material or to dispose of any fill removed if no adequate areas are available on property. This distance may affect eligibility due to feasibility.