KS514.02  NRCS Responsibilities

d  Area Offices

Assistant state conservationists for field operations are responsible for conducting the program in their area, and shall provide supervision and directions as follows:

- Ensure that all conservation treatment is in accordance with the Field Office Technical Guide and all planning activities are in accordance with the National Planning Procedures Handbook, General Manual, and the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) Manual.
- Maintain adequacy of conservation treatment implementation
- Consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Designate and delegate appropriate staff persons in carrying out Natural Resources Conservation Service responsibilities at the area and field levels
- Ensure restoration is completed per policy
- Monitor enrolled lands
- Enforce easement or restoration agreement provisions

(440-V-CPM, Amend. KS41, Sept. 2007)
KS514.05 Program Requirements

a General

The assistant state conservationist for field operations (ASTC-FO) will designate a Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) employee to provide technical assistance and service to the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) applications and contracts on land in which NRCS employees or members of their immediate families have a financial interest.

All wetland restoration and enhancement practices must meet the objectives of the WRP. Costs associated with the restoration and enhancement of the wetland(s) must be considered prior to developing a WRP contract.

When the total restoration or enhancement costs for the contract exceed 1.5 times the estimated total purchase cost for the easement, the ASTC-FO will provide a written statement (along with the proposed restoration plan) to the state conservationist with a recommendation and justification whether to proceed with the contract development. The state conservationist will make a final determination whether to proceed with contract development.

(440-V-CPM, Amend. KS19, Mar. 2004)
KS514.14 Establishing Ranking Criteria

i Ranking Process

- The Kansas Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) Ranking Worksheet will be used to record ranking criteria. See Exhibit KS514.91.
KS514.15 Overview

Restoration of permanent Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) easements will be completed by federal contract. Restoration of 30-year easements will be completed using the long-term contracting procedure and policy as per General Manual Title120, Part 404. Long-term contracting procedures may be allowed on permanent easements on a case-by-case basis. Requests should be made in writing to the state conservationist.
KS514.19 WRP Restoration Plan

d Final Plan Contents

Note: Signatures on the final restoration plan will include landowner(s), district conservationist, conservation district board representative, and the assistant state conservationist for water resources (ASTC-WR). If the restoration plan includes funds from a partner source, a partner signature is also required on the final restoration plan.

e Compliance with Other Requirements

All applications and plans required for Kansas Department of Health and Environment construction stormwater permits and/or Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Water Resources floodplain fill permits or beneficial water use permits, will originate at the area office and be reviewed and submitted by the ASTC-WR’s designated representative.

All permit applications for permanent and 30-year easements will list the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) as owner or applicant, using the state office address, phone number, etc.

The landowner must apply and pay for any permits associated with Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) restoration agreements.

(440-V-CPM, Amend. KS34, Mar. 2007)
KS514.21 Compatible Uses

b Prescribing Compatible Uses

The state conservationist or the assistant state conservationist for water resources will approve compatible use authorizations in Kansas.
KS514.27 Application for WRP

   c Notification of Ineligibility

Landowners found to be ineligible for the Wetlands Reserve Program will be notified in writing by the district conservationist of their status and advised of their appeal rights.

(440-V-CPM, Amend. KS13, May 2003)
KS514.29 Making the Offer to the Landowner

a Option Agreement to Purchase

The state conservationist has re-delegated the authority to sign Form AD-1157, Option Agreement to Purchase, to the assistant state conservationist for water resources.

(440-V-CPM, Amend. KS22, Sept. 2004)
KS514.31 Boundary Description

d Easement Boundary Descriptions

Kansas Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) easement boundaries will be described by using a Certified Land Survey. The Land Survey Specifications (LS-250) will be used for these WRP surveys (see Exhibit KS514.76).

The State Office Management Services Staff will contract for legal surveys. The ingress/egress route to the WRP easement area will be described in the boundary description, shown on the plan map/survey plat, and recorded with the Warranty Easement Deed. Acres surveyed within the easement boundary will be computed to the nearest tenth of an acre unit.

f Flagging Easement Areas

The district conservationist (DC), the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) contract applicant (landowner), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) will mark the easement boundary with wooden stakes or flags at boundary angle points. A waypoint will be collected using the field office Global Positioning System (GPS) unit for each angle point marked. The GPS data will be downloaded into ArcMap/Customer Service Toolkit (CST) and used to develop an aerial map with the area and angle points delineated.

Try to minimize the number of corner/angle points. This will greatly reduce the intensity of work and the complexity of the legal boundary description.

The angle points will be identified by number on the aerial map developed with ArcMap/CST and numbered on the wooden stakes or flags for identification purposes. All parties (the landowner, the DC, and the USFWS representative) will indicate their agreement on the easement boundary by signing and dating the aerial map developed with ArcMap/CST.

The aerial map (see Exhibit KS514.76) developed with ArcMap/CST showing the designated boundaries with identified angle points and route or point of ingress/egress, will be included with the items of the WRP application packet when sent to the state office.

g Boundary Description Process

The DC or his/her Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) representative must be notified by the surveyor 72 hours prior to beginning the
KS514.31 Boundary Description (continued)

work as stated by the Land Survey Specifications (LS-250), Exhibit KS514.76, and the DC or his/her representative is required to be on site during the survey.

i. Permanent Markers

The licensed land surveyor will set permanent markers, monument caps, and witness posts with WRP boundary signs when completing the legal survey.

(440-V-CPM, Amend. KS41, Sept. 2007)
KS514.40 Administrative Policy

a General

Ten-year restoration agreements will be completed using the long-term contracting procedure and policy as per General Manual Title 120, Part 404.
d  Land Ownership Verification

When learning of a land ownership change, whether by the annual verification of ownership or other means, the district conservationist (DC) should adapt the sample letter (Exhibit 514.69a) to communicate the terms and conditions of a Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) easement with the new landowner(s). In addition, Form NRCS-LTP-152, Transfer Agreement (as described in General Manual Title 120, Part 404 – Land Treatment – Long-Term Contracting, Section 404.55) must be completed. After obtaining both the previous and the new WRP landowner(s) signatures, the DC will submit the manually signed transfer agreement, through the appropriate channels, to the assistant state conservationist for water resources (ASTC-WR).

If the original WRP easement area is split or divided in any way, a new ArcView/ArcGIS photo/map must be developed using the Global Positioning System (GPS) and submitted to the ASTC-WR with the Form NRCS-LTP-152. The photo/map must document the information required by the National Planning Procedures Handbook for planning photos. Boundaries of the WRP easement area of the new WRP landowner(s) also must be shown.
KS514.76 Procedures for Preparing Boundary Descriptions

LAND SURVEY SPECIFICATIONS
LS-250

1. SCOPE
A licensed land surveyor (surveyor) shall complete a boundary survey of the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) easement area. The survey work shall consist of performing all surveys, measurements, computations, drawings, and descriptions required by this specification.

2. QUALITY OF WORK
The WRP easement boundary description shall be clear, accurate, complete, and meet the landowner's intent.

All work shall follow recognized professional practice and standards for legal land surveys. The work and data presented shall be in accordance with the state of Kansas’s minimum standards for the practice of land surveying.

3. NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO SURVEY
A preliminary title search will be provided with the task order for survey services. Before fieldwork begins, the surveyor shall schedule with the district conservationist (DC) and landowner a date and time for conducting the survey. Notification shall be a minimum of 72 hours prior to beginning work. If the work is not started on the planned date, the surveyor shall notify the DC and landowner of the revised date and time that work will begin.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) WRP program manager or DC will provide the surveyor with location maps of the WRP easement area. The maps will include the access routes and any other description information as may be available. Any significant (more than 5 percent) overage in the number of acres should be reported to the contracting officer’s representative (COR) immediately. The surveyor will not modify the easement area surveyed at the direction of the landowner.

Access shall be surveyed, but no monuments are required. The survey will show both the easement area and the ingress/egress routes to the publicly dedicated right-of-way.

4. SURVEY AREA
The area to be surveyed, and ingress/egress route or point of access, must be shown on an aerial photograph (sample attached). At the survey site, the area to be surveyed must be marked by wooden stakes or flags. Only boundary angle points should be staked or flagged. For identification purposes, angle points are to be identified by number on the photograph and on the corresponding wooden stakes or flags.

(440-V-CPM, Amend. KS41, Sept. 2007)
KS514.76 Procedures for Preparing Boundary Descriptions (continued)

At the site, the surveyor shall locate the boundary angle points and record the description using bearings and distances. The boundary survey shall be a complete traverse of the area tied to a corner of a Public Land Survey or a corner of a recorded property. Latitude and longitude shall be determined for the legal description point of beginning using North American Datum 1983 (NAD 83) with a ± 1 meter accuracy.

For each angle point and approximately every 500 feet of straight run, the surveyor shall set a steel rod driven approximately 9 inches below the ground surface with minimum dimensions of 1/2 inch in diameter and 24 inches in length. A monument cap for each rod shall have a different point number and other required identification. Each rod shall have a witness post set within 6 to 12 inches from the steel rod. The witness post shall be a steel u-channel post having a minimum overall length of 7.0 feet and weighing a minimum of 1.125 pounds per foot. The witness posts shall be embedded to a depth of 2 feet below ground surface. Wherever possible, the witness posts shall be placed on the easement side of the monument rods. To facilitate identification, each witness post shall have an easement boundary sign attached. The NRCS shall furnish the WRP boundary signs. The surveyor shall furnish the witness posts. Witness posts shall have the top 6 inches painted fluorescent orange. Boundary signs shall be fastened to the witness posts by using galvanized bolts and fasteners.

Some easement boundaries may be a river or a stream. In those cases, the edge of the upper stream bank will be considered the easement boundary. The upper stream bank may not be well defined and may need on-site clarification by the surveyor, DC, and landowner. A description point shall be included for the stream or river boundary intersection points. An offset point shall be established on each boundary line intersecting the stream or river boundary. The offset point shall have a permanent marker, whereas the stream or river boundary intersection point may not. The offset and the permanent markers would allow for a visual marker on the ground for use in maintaining the boundary integrity. Visibility and potential stream encroachment shall be factors in locating the offset. The offset distance shall be in whole feet.

Excluded areas within the main boundary area shall be surveyed as described above. All private/public roads (and associated roadway easement) and perennial rivers/streams (surveyed to the edge of the upper stream bank) should be excluded from the main WRP boundary area. The net WRP easement area shall be reported by the surveyor and computed by subtracting the excluded areas from the main boundary area. The net WRP easement area shall be computed to the nearest tenth of an acre.

The boundary description shall include a delineated route of ingress/egress. The ingress/egress route to the WRP easement area will be described in the survey plat.

(440-V-CPM, Amend. KS41, Sept. 2007)
KS514.76 Procedures for Preparing Boundary Descriptions (continued)

When the boundary survey is complete, the DC and the landowner will review the survey and will ensure that (1) the area delineated with permanent markers was the area that the landowner intended to place under easement and (2) permanent markers have been installed as required. If a discrepancy is identified, the surveyor will be required to meet with the DC and landowner to reconcile the difference.

5. PRESENTATION OF SURVEY
The survey shall show the following:

- A North arrow
- The legal description
- Ingress/egress description and route to the easement area
- Graphic scale
- A scaled drawing of the metes and bounds area shall be prepared identifying the angle points, distance and bearing between angle points, and distance and bearing to the legal survey point.
- Acres within the boundary area calculated to the nearest 1/10 acre
- Completed title block
- Name of the landowner
- Landowner’s contract number
- Name, registration number, address, and phone number of the surveyor
- Date of the survey
- Certification and licensed surveyor’s seal signed in blue ink
- Monuments identified as set or found, along with a description of the monuments
- Observed evidence of possession or use by others in the parcel or across any perimeter lines of the property
- Latitude and longitude for the point of beginning

6. Delivery
Within 30 days of issuance of the surveying task order, the following will be delivered to the State Office Management Services Staff:

- Original completed survey (34” x 24”) with original signatures
- Three copies (11” x 17”) of the completed survey plat
- A compact disc containing an ASCII text file with the latitude and longitude of the survey angle points and straight run monuments delineated

(440-V-CPM, Amend. KS41, Sept. 2007)
KS514.76 Procedures for Preparing Boundary Descriptions (continued)

WRP Easement Map

Bill Farmer
Any Kansas County Conservation District
84.0 Ac.
Date: 02/09/2004

Any Kansas Service Center
USDA/NRCS
Any District Conservationist
SW4 26-248-3W

Legend
- X Ingress/Egress Access
- ● Marker_Locations.shp
- WRP_Easement.shp

(440-V-CPM, Amend. KS41, Sept. 2007)
KS14.91 Kansas Wetlands Reserve Program Ranking Worksheet

**Kansas Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) applications will be accepted on a continuous basis.**

**KANSAS WRP RANKING WORKSHEET**

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NOTE: All cells highlighted in YELLOW permit data entry.

Computations, explanations, and supporting statements should be listed on the back of page 2 of this ranking form.

*Clicking on underlined numbers (1) for example, takes the person to the sheet "page 1 (back)" with an explanation of information needed. To return to this page, click on "page 1" tab at the bottom of the screen.*

A) **ECOLOGICAL** (60 points) *(First, complete "WRP Application Data" & "Basis for Land Eligibility" sections on Page 2)*

1) Hydrology Restoration *(50 points [pts.]):* Calculation Cell: Score
   a) Current Hydrological Conditions: *(15 pts.)* Percent of enrolled wetland/riparian eligible areas are "PC, FW, and FWP":
   b) Potential Hydrology Restored*(20 pts.):* Percent of hydrology restored via Preliminary WRPO:
   c) Percent of Enrolled Area that will be wetland:
      Playa wetland: %
      Use only 1 type rating
      All Other wetlands:
   
   NOTE: Score Eligible Riparian areas as if hydrology has been/will be restored

2) Operation and Maintenance Ranking *(Conservation Programs Manual [CPM], Part 514, WRP, page 514-C.4, paragraph 514.14f)*
   a) Hydrology restoration presents potential for unusual risk: *(5 pts.)*
      POTENTIAL RISK:
      Yes = 0 pts.
      No = 5 pts.

   NOTE: Risk of hydrology restoration includes high potential for damage = 0 pts.

3) Location significance *(5 pts. maximum)*
   a) Enrolled area is within a Priority 1 watershed under Unified Watershed Assessment = 3 pts.
   b) Site is occasionally/frequently flooded (refer to KS FOTG Section II Water Features Report) = 2 pts.
   c) Site is located in a HUC-14 Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) watershed = 1 pt.
   d) Previous Flood Disaster Payments (within last 5 years) = 0 pts.

**TOTAL ECOLOGICAL POINTS (1a+1b+1c+2+3) =**

B) **COSTS** *(Permanent Easement - 20 pts. max., 30 Yr. Easement - 15 pts. max., Restoration only - 10 pts. max.)*

**TOTAL NRCS EST. EASEMENT COST:**
**TOTAL NRCS RESTORATION COSTS:**

EASEMENT COST/ac. **$** RESTORATION COSTS/ac. **$**

Use appropriate formula: *(Estimated Total Costs = Easement Costs, if applicable, + Restoration Costs)*

*The landowner needs to submit a signed and dated statement documenting their acceptance of a reduced value.*

The landowner agrees to $ /ac. The difference between the offered amount and the estimated EASEMENT COST/ac. represents a partner contribution

**TOTAL COSTS/ac. Points** *(For manual computation of Costs Points, see page 1a (back)*

**TOTAL COSTS POINTS =**

**Signature/Title/Date:**

Landowner: Date:
District Conservationist: Date:
USFWS Representative: Date:
Area WRP Manager: Date:
Assistant State Conservationist: Date:

**Worksheet Date:** 2/25/04

(440-V-CPM, Amend. KS19, Mar. 2004)
Footnotes

1 Hydrology restoration is defined as providing adequate water to the restoration site which would then meet, at the very least, minimum saturated soil or inundation criteria for Corps of Engineers (COE) 87 Manual Wetland Determination purposes. The duration of hydrology is not addressed in this criteria as it is for Food Security Act (FSA) purposes. The wetland may be a temporary seasonal wetland or a wetland that has water standing throughout the year. In fact, certain types of wetlands such as playas may rarely have standing water. "Restored" wetland hydrology refers to work previously accomplished through private, state or other federal efforts.

2 Use only the riparian and/or wetland areas as the denominator for this calculation. Ignore adjacent or other non-wetland areas offered for enrollment. **Example:** An enrolled area consists of 50 acres of prior converted ("PC"), 10 acres of riparian area, and 5 acres of upland/adjacent non-wetland area (65 ac. total). The Preliminary Wetlands Reserve Plan of Operations (WRPO) indicates that 40 acres of the "PC" crop field is planned to be restored wetland. The hydrology restoration calculation can be made: (40 ac. restored wetland in the crop field + 10 ac. riparian area)/60 multiplied by 15 pts. (automatically calculated by the spreadsheet) = 0.83 x 15 = 12.

3 Eligible riparian areas are to be assumed to satisfy the hydrology restoration requirement and should be scored as if 100% of their area has hydrology. This is to equalize riparian area scoring for program ranking purposes (see CPM, Part 514, WRP, page 514-B.6, paragraph 514.11d). For WRP purposes, the size of a riparian area is limited to not more than an average of 300 feet on one side or 600 feet if considering both sides of the stream, channel, or water body enrolled. **Example:** An enrolled area consists of 40 acres of prior converted ("PC") and 10 acres of riparian area. The Preliminary WRPO indicates that 20 acres of the crop field is planned to be restored wetland. The hydrology restoration calculation can be made: (20 acres restored wetland in the crop field + 10 acres riparian area)/50 acres multiplied by 30 = 0.6 x 30 = 18.

4 Unusual risks to restoration which may cause a high potential for damage can include:

Installing dikes, levees, or water control structures in frequently flooded and scoured areas where damage is likely.
Locating structural practices for restoration within 300 feet of active stream meander.
Other risks: poor foundation soils and likelihood of poor planted vegetation establishment.

5 All HUC #'s except for sites within: 10250010, 10250011, 10250012, 10250013, 10260002, 10260011, 11030002, 11030005, 11030008, 11030016, 11040002, 11040003, 11040004, 11040005, 11040006, 11060001 and 11070106.

6 The TMDL area includes those watersheds identified by a 14-digit HUC. This list is provided by the State Conservation Commission.

7 The easement cost is a subjective estimate of recent selling prices for similar types of land. This value does not include any value for water rights which may exist on that property.

8 Restoration costs are derived from the Preliminary WRPO.

9 See page 2, Part C, of this ranking worksheet.

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**HUC (14 digits):**

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**C) PARTNERSHIP FUNDING** (20 pts. maximum) *(Prepare Partner Worksheet Below)*

- **Partnerships:** *(Non-USDA or private partners are any entity, including the landowner, other than USDA agencies.)*
  - Non-USDA Govt. or private partners plan to provide >50% of USDA Easement and Restoration Costs = 20 points
  - Non-USDA Govt. or private partners plan to provide 26-50% of USDA Easement and Restoration Costs = 10 points
  - Non-USDA Govt. or private partners plan to provide >50% of USDA Restoration Costs = 5 points
  - Non-USDA Govt. or private partners plan to provide 26-50% of USDA Restoration Costs = 2 points

Percent of total WRP easement and restoration cost obligated by partnership funding = ________%

Percent of total WRP restoration cost obligated by partnership funding = ________%

**TOTAL PARTNERSHIP FUNDING POINTS** = ________

**D) T&E WILDLIFE** (5 pts.) *(Document T&E benefits on the back of page 2)*

- Benefits to state/federal listed Threatened or Endangered (T&E) Wildlife *(Ref. FOTG):*
  - Easement/Restoration is located in state listed "critical habitat" and will benefit T&E wildlife species = 5 pts. 1

**TOTAL T&E POINTS** = ________

**TOTAL ECOLOGICAL, COSTS, PARTNERSHIP, AND T&E POINTS** = ________

Where applicable, list any other factors that should affect ranking priority but is not captured in the above criteria *(see CPM, Part 514, WRP, pages 514-C.4 and 514-C.5, paragraph 514.14g).*

### WRP Application Data *(see definitions on the back side of page 2)*

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**Total Acres** = ________

*One or more (combination) of the categories should equal the total acreage for the WRP area in the application sent to the State Office.*

### Non-Federal Partners' Contributions for: *(Contributing partner(s) need to submit a signed and dated statement documenting the contribution with the application package.)*

- **Reduced Easement Costs**
  - Estimate: $0.00 Savings: $________ /ac.
  - Accept: ________ /ac. ________ Total /ac. ________ Total

### Basis for Land Eligibility: *(list acreages)*

- **Acreage**

**Agricultural lands with restorable wetlands including:**

- Wetlands farmed under natural conditions *(W)*
- Farmed Wetlands *(FW)*
- Prior Converted Cropland *(PC)*
- Commenced Conversion Wetlands *(CC)*
- Farmed Wetland Pasture *(FWP)*

**Lands substantially altered by flooding** *(see CPM, Part 514, WRP, page 514-B.9, paragraph 514.11g)*

**Adjacent Lands** *(see CPM, Part 514, WRP, page 514-B.7, paragraph 514.11e)*

**Riparian Areas** *(see CPM, Part 514, WRP, page 514-B.6, paragraph 514.11d)*

**Former or Degraded Wetlands** *(see CPM, Part 514, WRP, page 514-B.6, paragraph 514.11c)*

**Wetlands Restored Under a State or Federal Program** *(i.e., USFWS partner's program)*

*(see CPM, Part 514, WRP, page 514-B.8, paragraph 514.11f, and letter to Lonnie Schulze, from Bob Misso, WRP national program manager, dated June 2, 1998.)*

**Total:**

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*(440-V-CPM, Amend. KS19, Mar. 2004)*

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KS514.91 Kansas Wetlands Reserve Program Ranking Worksheet Continued

KANSAS WRP RANKING WORKSHEET - Page 2a

1 The area biologist will provide documentation (from FOTG, Section I) for benefit to T&E wildlife if credit is claimed outside of state listed "critical habitat" area.

2 A ranking exception may be requested to the state conservationist for ecologically significant wetlands providing WRP program benefits (see CPM, Part 514, WRP, pages 514-C.5 and 514-C.6, paragraph 514.14h). Each exception should be clearly documented in the case file.

3 Wetland definitions:
   - **Enhanced Wetland**: This is an area that meets the definition of wetland in the NFSAM, Part 513.11, page 513-4, paragraph a, and where the natural wetland functions and values (refer to the National Engineering Manual, Chapter 13, for the functions and values of a wetland) can be improved.
   - **Existing Wetlands**: These are areas that meet the wetland definition in the NFSAM, Part 513.11, page 513-4, paragraph a.
   - **Restorable Upland**: An area that does not meet the wetland or riparian definition, and it is an area where the natural vegetative habitat is degraded to the point of needing restoration.
   - **Existing Uplands**: These are areas that do not meet the wetland or riparian definition and are either disturbed or non-disturbed. (Refer to NFSAM Part 527.4, page 527-189, for disturbed definitions.)
   - **Restorable Riparian**: An area that is degraded to an extent that it does not function according to the definition.
   - **Existing Riparian**: Areas that meet the riparian definition and are either disturbed or non-disturbed.

Computations, explanations, and supporting statements

Worksheet Date: 2/25/04

(440-CPM, Amend. KS19, Mar. 2004)