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## **Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) Funding Available** *Application Deadline is May 17, 2013*

BISMARCK, ND April 29, 2013 –North Dakota Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Conservationist Mary Podoll announced today landowners have until May 17, 2013, to sign up for 2013 funding consideration through the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP).

“North Dakota landowners have achieved considerable conservation success through the WRP program,” stated State Conservationist Mary Podoll. “WRP offers landowners an opportunity to establish long-term conservation, as well as enhance wildlife practices and protection. We anticipate another successful year of protecting, restoring, and enhancing wetlands on our State’s private lands.”

The Wetlands Reserve Program provides financial incentives to landowners to restore their land to its natural wetland condition with an emphasis on enhancing wildlife habitats and providing environmental benefits. Participation in this program is voluntary, and restoration is accomplished in an environmentally safe and cost-effective manner.

Landowners have several options for enrollment under WRP, including restoration cost-share agreements and 30-year conservation easements. Each option is designed to help landowners achieve their personal land use goals.

Interested landowners are encouraged to contact their local NRCS Service Center to learn more about WRP or to apply for funding consideration.

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