Agenda

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Program Purpose

The WMBP supports the establishment and development of wetland mitigation banks to make credits available for agricultural producers.
WMBP Overview

• Up to $5 million available for 2020.

• Eligible applicants are qualified third parties with the expertise and capacity to operate and manage all aspects of a wetland mitigation bank.

• $1 million maximum award.

• Priority will be given to banks located in geographic areas with the largest numbers of wetland compliance producer requests.

• Recipients may receive WMBP funding for up to 75 percent of their total project cost. Recipients must provide a non-Federal funding match amount at least equal to 25 percent of the total project cost.
Mitigation banks under this program are for the exclusive use of agricultural producers needing to comply with Farm Bill wetland compliance provisions.
NRCS Roles

• Provides technical oversight throughout the life of the bank.

• Approves mitigation banking instruments.

• Provides minimum deed terms for conservation easements protecting land that is part of a WMBP project.
Bank Roles

• Development and implementation of banking instrument and mitigation bank.

• Submission of regular project reports.

• Communicating concerns to the Program Manager or NRCS Lead Technical Specialist.
A NRCS-approved functional assessment procedure will be used by the banker to determine the number of available credits for each restored bank site.
Focus of the Program

Small (<5 acres) cropped, seasonal, temporary, degraded, and isolated wetlands.
Mitigation Banking Instrument

A checklist will be provided to guide development of awardees’ mitigation banking instruments
Sample Bank Site Pre-Construction

Planned ditch plug
Sample Bank Site Post Construction
Application Essentials

• Where to Find the Application Package
  • www.grants.gov
  • Opportunity Number: USDA-NRCS-NHQ-WMBP-20-NOFO0001002

• Application Submission
  • Submit electronically through grants.gov

• Application Deadline
  • Applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday July 6, 2020
Application Resources and Assistance

Grants.gov
Applicant Support at 1-800-518-4726 or support@grants.gov

WMBP Website
Registering for DUNS and SAMS #'s

Plan Ahead! Registration may take up to 21 business days to complete.

- Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number
  - Information on how to obtain a DUNS number can be found at http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform or by calling 1-866-705-5711

- System for Award Management (SAM) Registration
  - To register, go to https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/
Questions and Answers

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"To be effective, our research and programs need to be focused on finding solutions and providing state-of-the-art technologies to improve management decisions on farm and on forest lands."

-Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue