**U.S. Department of Agriculture**  
**Indiana Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program**  
**CP23 Wetland Restoration**

**Documentation of Suitability and Feasibility Worksheet (Version 2.1 May 2019)**

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*Refer to the Worksheet Instructions for guidance on completing a Suitability and Feasibility Determination.*

**CP23, Wetland Restoration Practice Purpose:** Restore the functions and values of wetland ecosystems that have been devoted to agricultural use.

**Element #1 Site Conditions/Program Requirements**

Identify if offer area meets CREP CP23 site condition criteria by checking the following:

*Refer to Worksheet Instructions for the definition of a 100-year floodplain and calculating hydric soils for CP23.*

- [ ] Offer is physically located in an eligible Indiana 8-digit watershed. Eligible watersheds are Tippecanoe, Upper White River, Highland/Pigeon, Upper Wabash, Middle Wabash-Deer, Middle Wabash-Little Vermillion, Middle Wabash-Busseron, Lower Wabash, Lower White, Lower East Fork White, and Upper East Fork White.
- [ ] Offer contains a wetland currently devoted to agricultural use that is located within the 100-year floodplain of a permanent river or stream (An offer that includes a buffer outside the 100-year floodplain may be enrolled if otherwise eligible, needed, feasible and suitable for the practice.)
- [ ] Wetland restoration area includes a minimum of 51 percent hydric soils for the acreage offered (non-buffer area).
- [ ] Offer includes a buffer that does not exceed the ratio of 3 acres of buffer to 1 acre of wetland.

Current Cover Type in Offer Area: ___________________________________________________________

Current Land Use in Offer Area: _____________________________________________________________

- [ ] YES – All Site Conditions Referenced Above are Met
- [ ] NO – Site Conditions Not Met

**Element #2 Practice Needs**

Is there a resource concern within the offer area that is targeted by CP23 per the practice purpose?

*If existing cover is solving the resource concern(s) in the practice purpose, then the determination must be that the CP is not needed. Reference Worksheet Instructions for guidance on CREP contract re-enrollment.*

Indicate which NRCS resource concern causes are present within the offer area:

Primary Resource Concern Cause (A minimum of 1 of the following must be present to meet practice need)

- [ ] Water Quality Degradation: Excess nutrients in surface and ground waters
- [ ] Water Quality Degradation: Pesticides transported to surface and ground waters
- [ ] Water Quality Degradation: Excess pathogens and chemicals from manure, bio-solids or compost applications
- [ ] Water Quality Degradation: Excessive salts in surface and ground waters
- [ ] Water Quality Degradation: Petroleum, heavy metals and other pollutants transported to receiving waters
- [ ] Water Quality Degradation: Excessive sediment in surface waters
- [ ] Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife: Habitat degradation
- [ ] Excess Water: Flooding

- [ ] YES – Practice is Needed
- [ ] NO – Practice Not Needed
Element #3 Practice Feasibility
Will the implementation of CP23 solve or significantly improve the resource concern(s) listed in the practice purpose?
*Offer must include an area to establish a buffer for protection of the wetland and to enhance wildlife habitat. Feasibility not met if buffer area not included in offer.

☐ YES – Practice is Feasible ☐ NO – Practice is Not Feasible

Element #4 Practice Suitability
Are the offered acres suitable for installation of the NRCS conservation practices needed to apply CP23?
*The land must be suitable and adapted to the restoration of wetland functions and values. The restoration of wetland hydrology is only required to the extent specified by the producer in consultation with NRCS or TSP.

☐ YES – Practice is Suitable ☐ NO – Practice is Not Suitable

Suitability and Feasibility Determination Findings:

☐ The location and size of the offered acres as shown on the CRP-2C map meet all four elements of the Suitability and Feasibility determination.

☐ The offer DOES NOT meet the Suitability and Feasibility requirements. Check the element(s) that were not met.
  ☐ Site Conditions/Program Requirements
  ☐ Practice Needs
  ☐ Practice Feasibility
  ☐ Practice Suitability

☐ Modification of the offer (either location, size or practice) would result in meeting all four S&F determination elements. See documentation.

Documentation:
Provide information supporting the determination of each element in this section.
Conservation Planner has attached or provided to FSA (check all that applies):

☐ Notes on form NRCS CPA-6 ☐ Map
☐ Photos ☐ Electronic File with GPS Points or GIS Shapefile
☐ Other: __________________________

Field Visit Completed by: __________________________ Date: __________ Date returned to FSA: __________

Suitability and Feasibility Determination Completed by: ______________________________