



State Specific RIM/MN CREP Training

- 9:00 Introduction, Welcome, and Progress – Sharon Doucette
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- 9:25 General Program Guidance/Buffer Law
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- 10:00 RIM Program Eligibility/RIM/CREP Minimum Size Waiver Worksheet
- 10:15 Conservation Easement Financial Worksheet (CEFW)
- 10:30 Landowners Questionnaire and Assessment
- 10:40 Scoring & Scoresheets
- 11:30 Easement Application Module
- 11:45 Outreach
- 12:00 Next Steps & Adjourn





- THANK YOU!!!
- MN CREP Signup starts June 3rd and goes until August 23rd, 2019
- Three Batching Periods are planned –
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MN CREP Updates

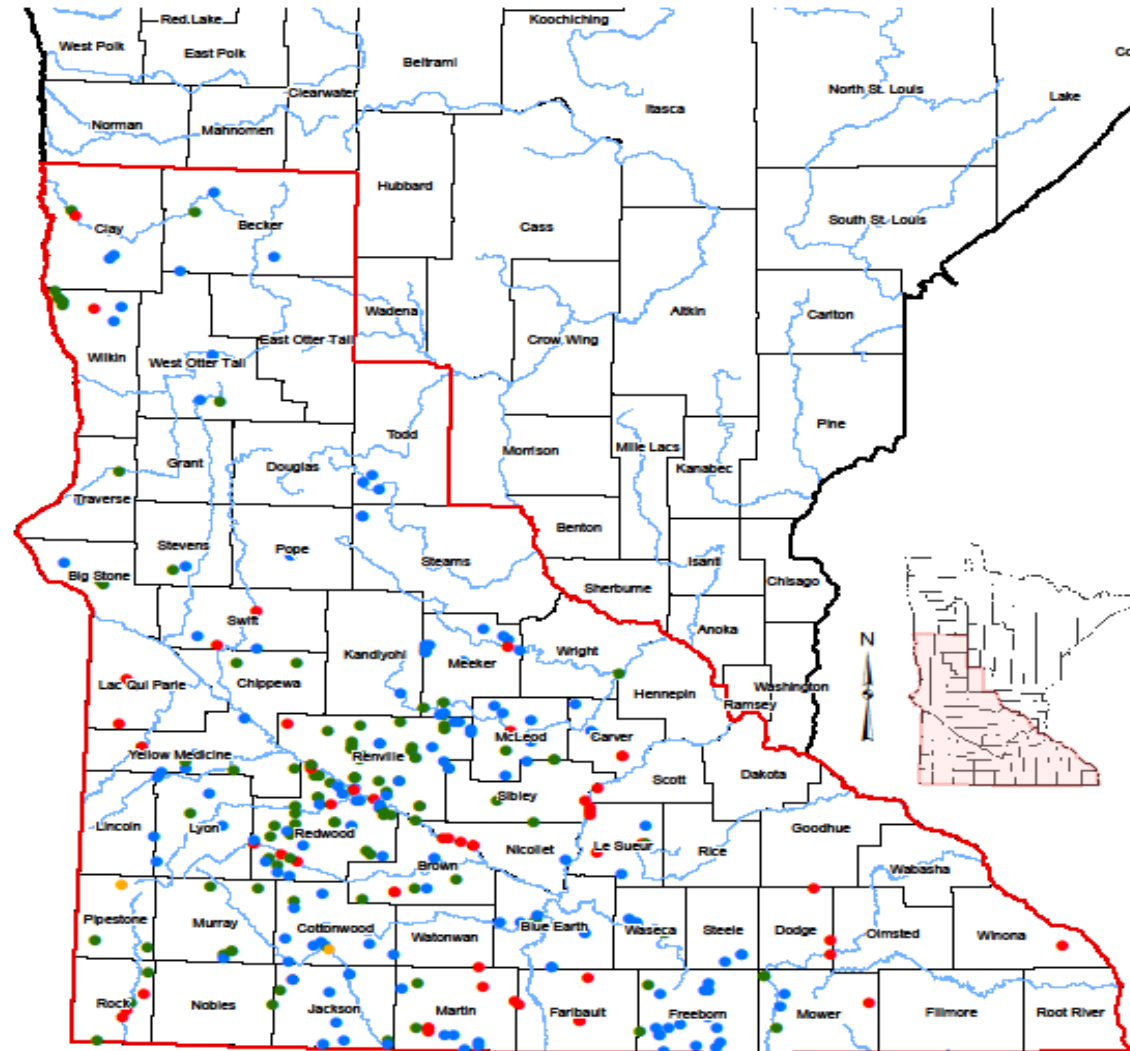


- Fifteen Batching Periods were conducted from May 15th, 2017 to September 30, 2018
- Applications were received and approved for funding:
 - On all four practices – CP2, CP21, CP23 and CP23a
 - Nearly **300** applications funded on approximately **12,000 acres** (including both CRP-1 and RIM-Only acres)
 - **45** SWCDs have submitted applications

Applications Funded Thru 8/20/18



Minnesota Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (MN CREP) Conservation Easements Applications Funded Through August 20th 2018



- Filter Strips
- Wetlands
- Floodplain Wetlands
- Wellhead
- ▭ MN CREP Project Area
- Major Rivers
- ▭ SWCD Boundary

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MN CREP Update – Applications Funded as of 8/20/18

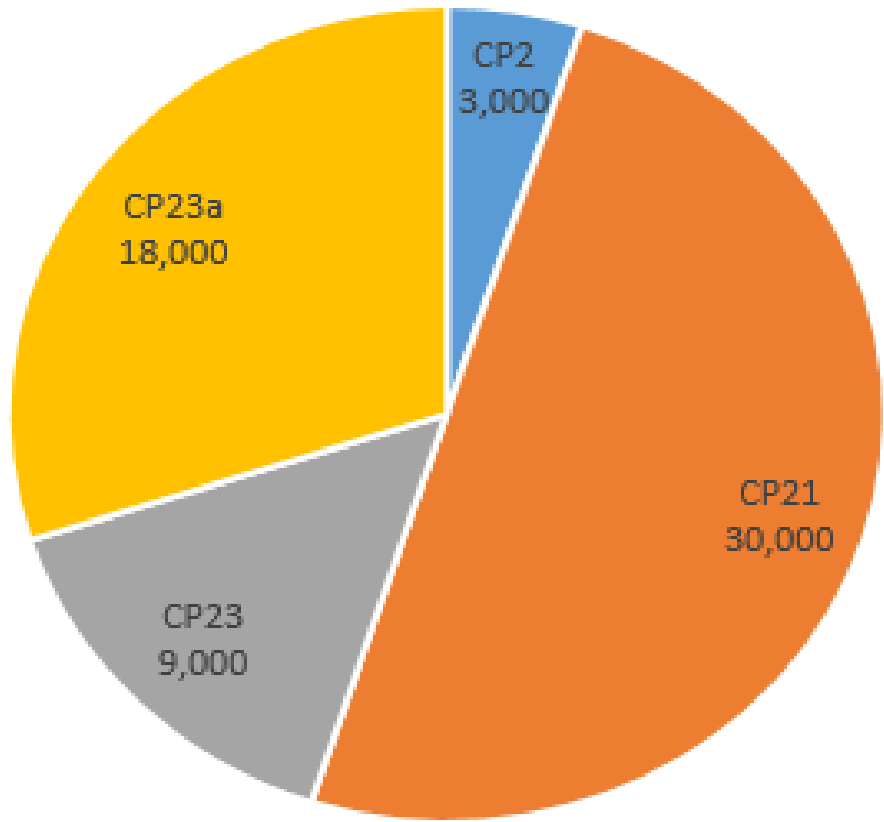


CP	Applications Received	Applications Funded	Acres Funded	Average Acres Per Application
CP-2	2	2	51	25.5
CP-21	119	100	822	8.2
CP-23	58	54	1,989	36.7
CP-23a	169	134	9,324	69.6
Total	348	290	12,186	42.0

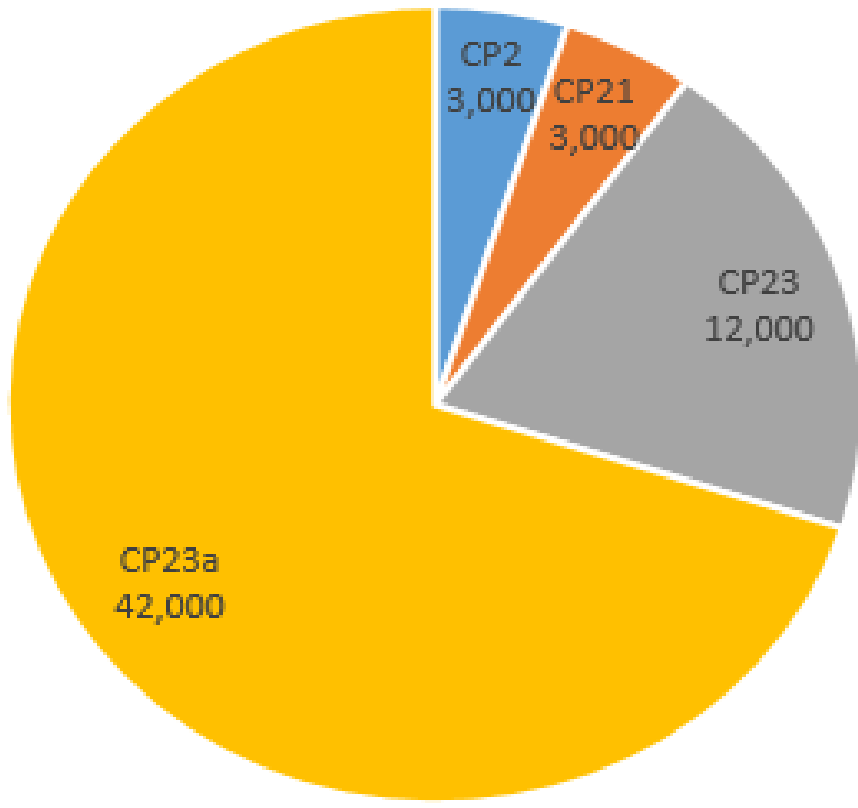


MN CREP Updates

Pre-2018 Update - Original Plan



Post-2018 Update with Updated Projected CP Acres





MN CREP Updates

Status	Numbers as of May 28,2019
RIM Easement Recorded	149
Application Funded Not Recorded	114
Application Pending with FSA – Interim Plans	16
Total Recorded and Not Recorded Funded Applications	279

- Average easement recording time after RIM Agreement is executed is approximately 7 months
- 290 applications initially funded down to 279 due to canceled or withdrawn applications and some of the 16 may be withdrawn



MN CREP Engineering Update

CP23/Cp23a Enrollment/Project Status – 187 easements enrolled

- 43 Crop Cessation Easements (Farmed, Natural Wetlands) – Mainly CP23's
- 144 Easements with Engineering/Construction - (134 Construction Projects)



MN CREP Engineering Update

CP23/CP23a Enrollment/Project Status –

- Engineering/Construction Projects– 134
 - 132 Site Investigations/Surveys Completed
 - 60 Designed with Construction Plans Provided to SWCDs
 - 6 Projects Constructed
- Significant engineering/construction workload
- Additional Engineering Staff are being hired
- Concerns with weather and contractor availability

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MN State FSA Office Amendment 9 to Handbook 2-CRP



- MN State FSA Office Amendment 9 to Handbook 2-CRP approved by Washington and dated 11-27-18 - **Get a copy from your local FSA Office**
- Includes updated MN CREP III Signup Process Flow
- Changes made to assist with the 6 month CRP application period
- CRP-1 must be signed by FSA within 6 months of the landowner signature
- CRP contract start date – can defer up to 6 months after contract signed by FSA



MN State FSA Office Amendment 9 to Handbook 2-CRP

- MN CREP III Signup Process Flow – A few steps to note
 - Step 1 – “It is encouraged that local FSA/NRCS/SWCD staff work together to create an initial boundary, utilizing the CLU layer, the landowners deed and other physical situations.”
 - Step 4 – Producer submits MN CREP III PII release
 - Step 6 and 7 – Documentation of Eligibility and Suitability Worksheet



Boundary/Shapefile Guidance

- Boundary discussion –
 - Coordinate early with all locally – this is a critical step that if not done early can slow down the application processing –
 - Examples where offered area is -
 - Clearly in road right-a-way
 - Includes structures, rock piles, etc.
 - Not following the land-use boundary
 - CLU changes not required – FSA guidance
 - See BWSR website MN CREP for SWCDs for supporting information



MN State FSA Office Amendment 9 to Handbook 2-CRP

- MN CREP III Signup Process Flow – A few steps to note
 - Step 12 – Producer signs and dates completed CRP2-C and CRP-1
 - NOTE the 6 month application period begins.
 - Step 16 – SWCD submits MN CREP Workbook and all required maps, forms, etc.
 - Step 18 – BWSR recommends applications to fund to FSA in Washington
 - Step 19 – BWSR confirms applications selected for RIM funding after 15 day period or sooner.



MN State FSA Office Amendment 9 to Handbook 2-CRP

- MN CREP III Signup Process Flow – A few steps to note
 - Step 24 – NRCS provides FSA with NRCS-CPA-52 (Environmental Evaluation form) and signed conservation plan
 - Step 25 – FSA completes their portion of NRCS-CPA-52 after all consultations completed.

NOTE –it can take 30 to 60 days to complete the cultural resources process with the State of Minnesota and Tribes

MN State FSA Office Amendment 9 to Handbook 2-CRP



- MN CREP III Signup Process Flow – A few steps to note
 - Step 28 – County Office or County Executive Director of FSA locally approves and signs the CRP-1
 - Step 31 – County FSA Office will provide copy of approved CRP-1 **(NOTE – this approved version must be uploaded to the MN CREP Application Module)**



Important Points

- A RIM easement must be recorded on the area covered by the approved CRP-1.
- Landowner must be made aware that there are easement acquisition steps after the CRP-1 is approved, that can take 6 to 12 months.
- Selling the property or making major changes during the period before easement recording could jeopardize both the CRP contract and the RIM easement.



Important Timeframes

- 6 month application period from time producer signs the CRP2C and the CRP-1 (Step 12) to local FSA signs CRP-1 (Step 28)
- 18 months from CRP-1 Contract approved by FSA for BWSR to record the RIM easement
- 36 month to complete installation of conservation practices from the start date of the CRP contract



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MN CREP RIM General Program Guidance

- Utilize the MN CREP RIM General Program Guidance Document, 3/1/19 for guidance and direction
 - On BWSR website under Easements > MNCREP for SWCDs > Signup Documents and Supporting Information
 - Pay special attention to the Enrollment of Additional Easement Lands Outside of CREP Offer section



MN CREP RIM General Program Guidance

Enrollment of Additional Easement Lands Outside of CREP Offer

1. Existing CRP Land – no more than 50% of MN CREP Cropland acres
2. Other Lands – no more than 20% of MN CREP Cropland acres
3. Additional Lands for CP23a Wetlands –
 - a) MN CREP offer must be at 4:1 upland to wetland ratio then may enroll RIM-only Cropland up to a 8:1 total upland to wetland ratio
 - b) Existing CRP acres DO NOT qualify under this item
4. Buffer Law with Crop History Lands – **NEW** - see future slides



MN CREP RIM General Program Guidance

Enrollment of Additional Easement Lands Outside of CREP Offer

- Minimize RIM-Only Acres, since the state pays 100% of the costs for the easement and restoration on these acres
- RIM-Only acres, “... may be enrolled if they significantly improve the application’s benefits...” See the Guidance Document introduction to this section



MN CREP RIM General Program Guidance

Enrollment of Additional Easement Lands Outside of CREP Offer

- Example to show maximums on a CP23a Non-floodplain Wetland—
 - MN CREP Cropland 100 acres (max 4:1 = 80 ac. upland and 20 ac. of wetland)
 - RIM Only Crop
 - Item 1. - Existing CRP (50% of MN CREP Cropland) – 50 acres
 - Item 2. - Other lands (20% of MN CREP Cropland) – 20 acres
 - Item 3. - Additional upland up to 8:1, since MN CREP Cropland was at maximum allowable of 4:1 – 80 acres

This is not encouraged but shows maximums.

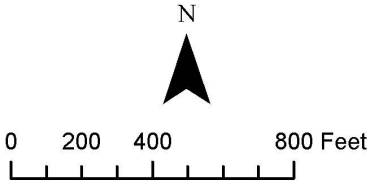


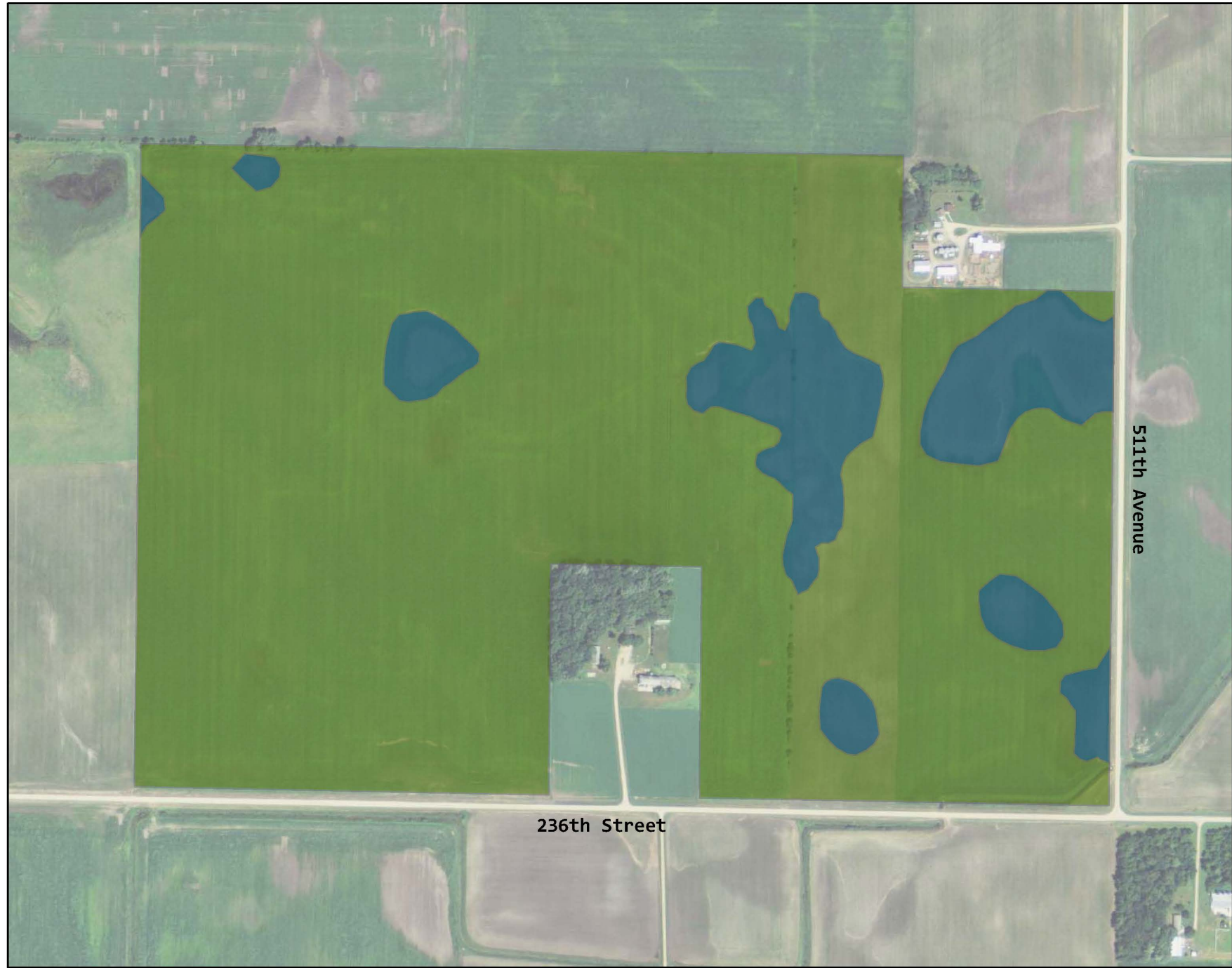
**6 - B - Eligibility -
Current CP23A Upland
to Wetland Ratio**

Legend

-  Upland Area
-  Wetland Basins

Upland Area: 100 Acres
Wetland Basins: 25 Acres
Total RIM Easement: 125
Upland to Wetland Ratio: 1 : 4



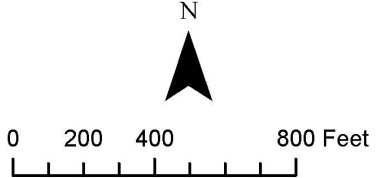


6 - B - Eligibility - CP23A Upland to Wetland Ratio Change

Legend

-  Upland Area
-  Wetland Basins

Upland Area: 185 Acres
Wetland Basins: 25 Acres
Total RIM Easement: 210 Acres
Upland to Wetland Ratio: 1 : 7.4





MN CREP RIM General Program Guidance

Enrollment of Additional Easement Lands Outside of CREP Offer

In limited situations waivers may be approved -

- Request waiver to Private Lands Program Manager (Tabor) then he will work with Easement Section Manager (Sharon) to make a decision.
- Don't submit application until waiver has been granted or denied (then offer must be redone)



General Ownership and Program Eligibility Questions

Contact: Grant Bullemer at grant.bullemer@state.mn.us

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OR

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or 651-539-2571



MN CREP RIM General Program Guidance

Enrollment of Additional Easement Lands Outside of CREP Offer

Item 4. Buffer Law with Crop History Lands

- The first 50 feet adjacent to a Public Water governed by the Buffer Law:
 - Is generally not eligible for a CRP payment as a part of MN CREP
 - CRP payment is eligible for re-enrolled CRP land since the Buffer Law does not apply to existing CRP lands, including re-enrolled land
 - RIM-Only Non-Crop payment is possible for non-reenrolled CRP lands (CRP not expiring in the current year as well as non-CRP lands) if land meets 2 of 5 RIM Cropping History for the first 50 feet and the Sediment and Soluble Table in the NRCS 393 standard is followed.



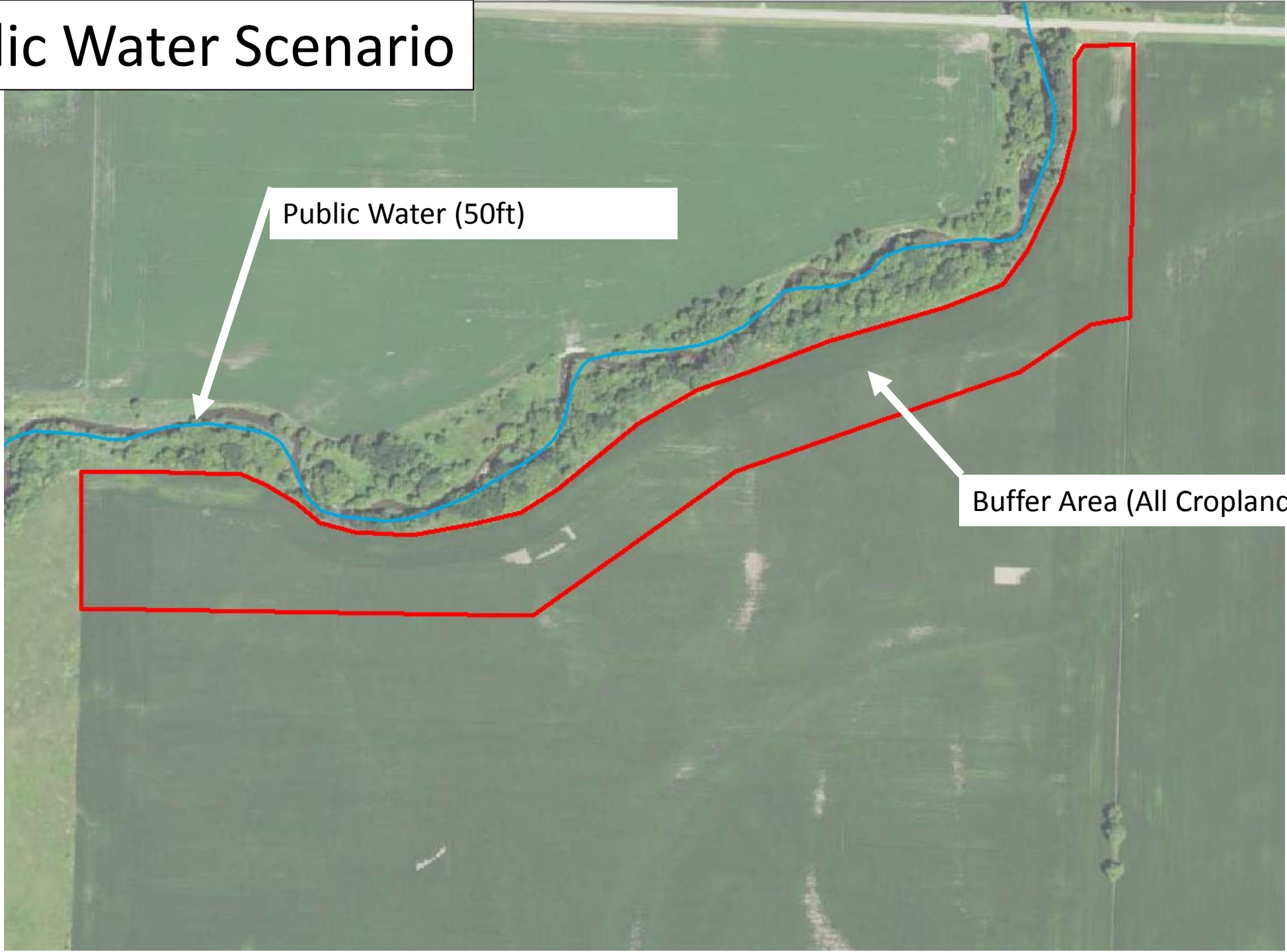
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Item 4. Buffer Law with Crop History Lands

- FSA Minnesota Notice CRP-416 after November 1, 2018 –
 - Land immediately adjacent to land subject to the “Buffer Law” may be eligible if the resource concern is not being met with either the 50 foot or 16.5 foot width.
 - The first 50 or 16.5 feet would need to be in the CRP plan but would not receive CRP payments if that land is subject to the “Buffer Law”

Public Water Scenario



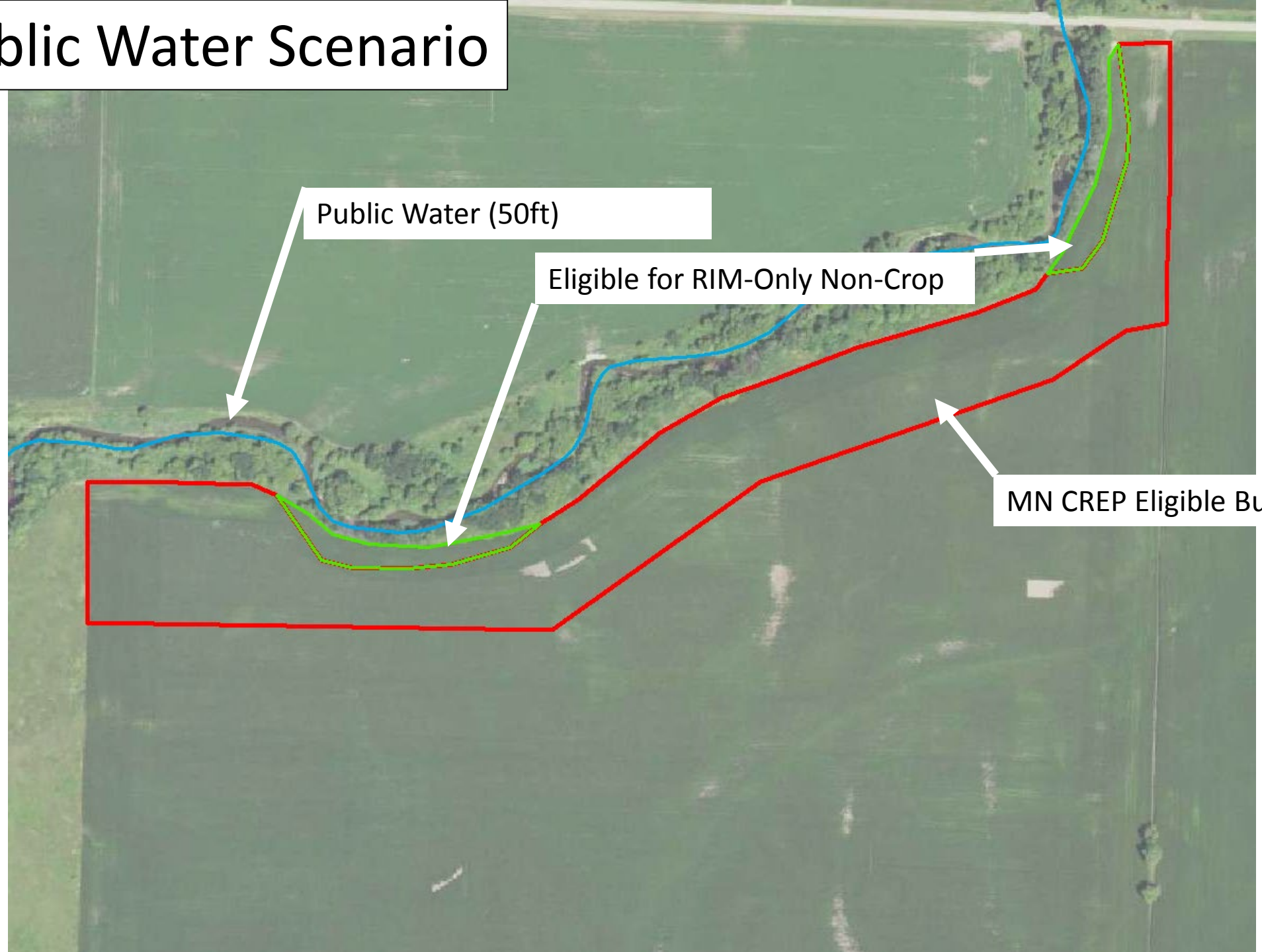
Public Water (50ft)



Buffer Area (All Cropland)



Public Water Scenario

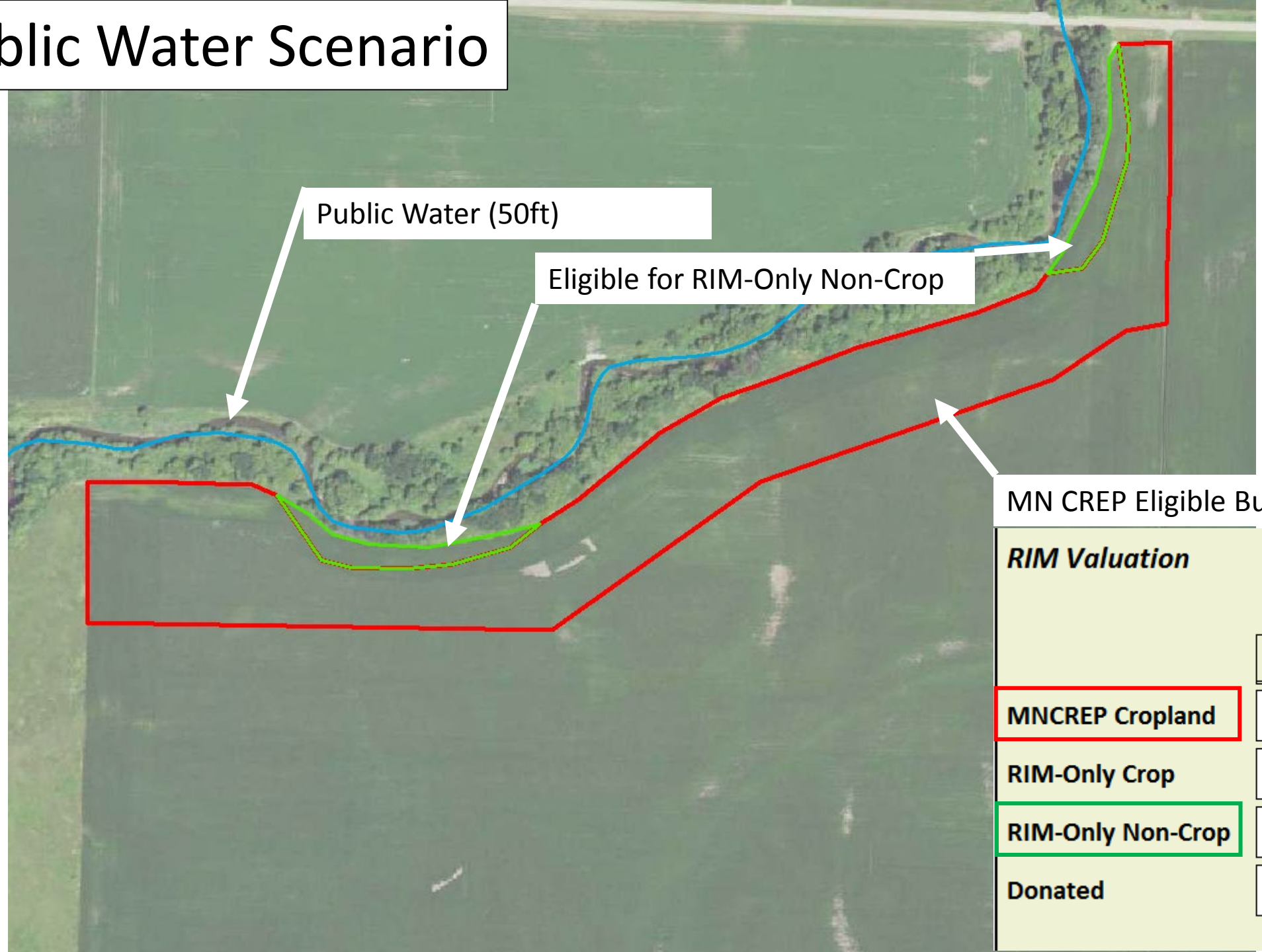


Public Water (50ft)

Eligible for RIM-Only Non-Crop

MN CREP Eligible Buffer Area

Public Water Scenario



Public Water (50ft)

Eligible for RIM-Only Non-Crop

MN CREP Eligible Buffer Area

<i>RIM Valuation</i>	
	Acres x
MNCREP Cropland	8.00
RIM-Only Crop	
RIM-Only Non-Crop	1.05
Donated	

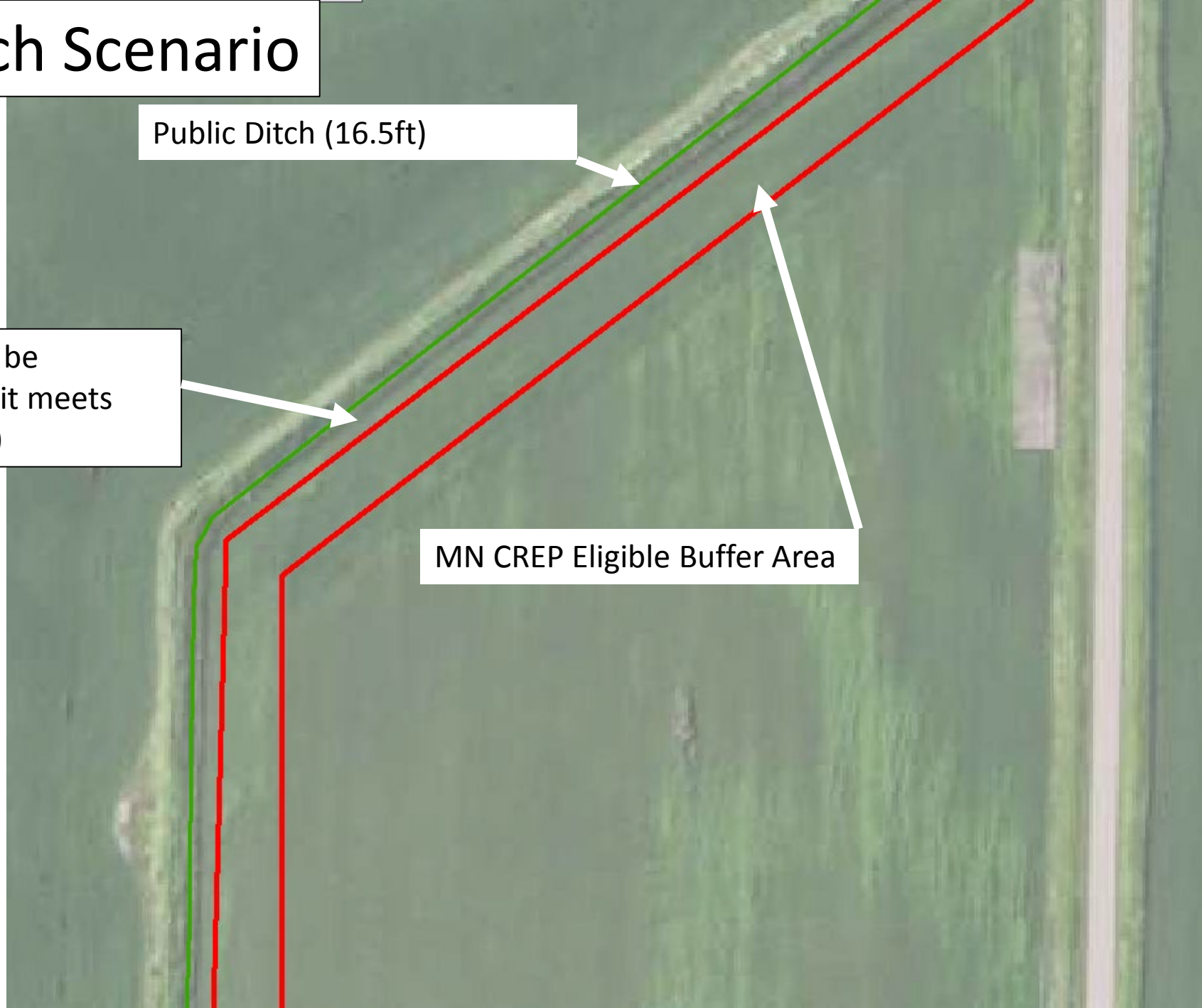
Public Ditch Scenario



Public Ditch (16.5ft)

16.5' area should be excluded (even if it meets RIM Crop History)

MN CREP Eligible Buffer Area



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RIM Payment Rates



- RIM Payment Rates
 - Last published by BWSR in 2018
 - Continue to be based on U of M collected data from county tax assessors by –
 - County
 - Township
 - Land-use



RIM Payment Rates

- RIM Payment Rates
 - Formulated to approximate a percentage of the fee title value
 - 90% for cropland
 - 60% for non-cropland
 - U of M data shows
 - farm land prices have been increasing slightly for a few years, generally between 5 to 10% more
 - The future trend is constant or a slight increase

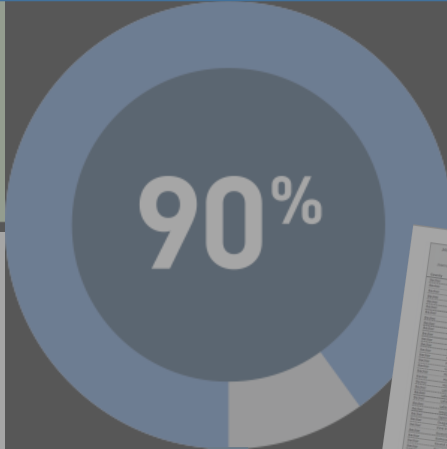


Rates and Payment Calculations

- 2018 MN CREP Landowner Payment Rates
- Sent via email on June 28th, 2018
- Use these rates for the 2019 sign-ups

2018 MN CREP Landowner Payment Rates <i>June 2018</i> <i>MN Land Economics website data released Jan 2018</i> <i>Metro counties located at the end of this document</i>		3	4 <i>NEW!</i>	5
1 County	2 Township/City	2018 MN CREP Cropland Rate	2018 RIM-only CREP Crop Rate	2018 RIM-only CREP Noncrop Rate
Clay	Glyndon city	\$ 4,244.85	\$ 3,784.17	\$ 2,193.72
Clay	Glyndon twp	\$ 4,913.35	\$ 4,380.12	\$ 2,539.20
Clay	Goose Prairie twp	\$ 4,161.02	\$ 3,709.44	\$ 2,150.40

2017 RIM Crop Rate (90%)



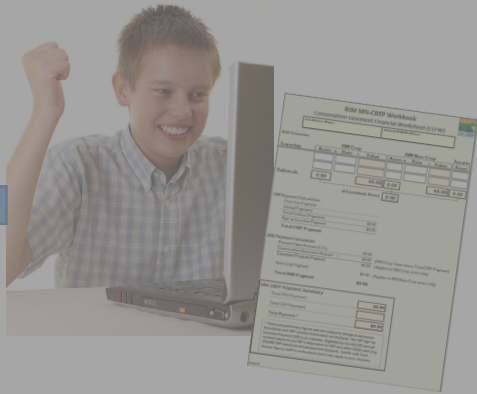
Property ID	Acres	Rate	Value
101	10	90%	900
102	20	90%	1800
103	30	90%	2700
104	40	90%	3600
105	50	90%	4500
106	60	90%	5400
107	70	90%	6300
108	80	90%	7200
109	90	90%	8100
110	100	90%	9000

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RIM Payment Calculation

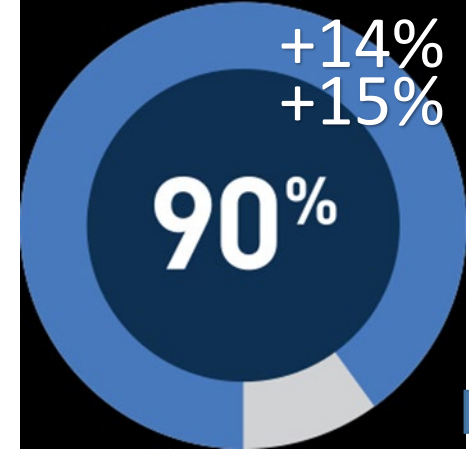
Present Value Amount (2.3%)



"Here's your total payment amount"



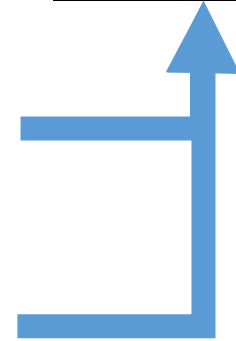
2018 MN CREP Cropland Rate



IS NOW:

Present Value (+14%)

RIM Incentive (+15%)



"Here's your total payment amount"





Rates and Payment Calculations

- Example: \$1000/acre (RIM 90% value) before is now \$1,290/acre with the adjustment.
- The MNCREP Cropland Rate includes:
 - 90% of AATV (example: \$1000)
 - Present Value estimation folded in to rate from the start (+14%, example: \$140)
 - RIM Incentive folded in to rate from the start (+15%, example: \$150)

“Here’s the amount you’re going to get per acre.”



“Now let’s see the amount paid annually vs. lump sum”

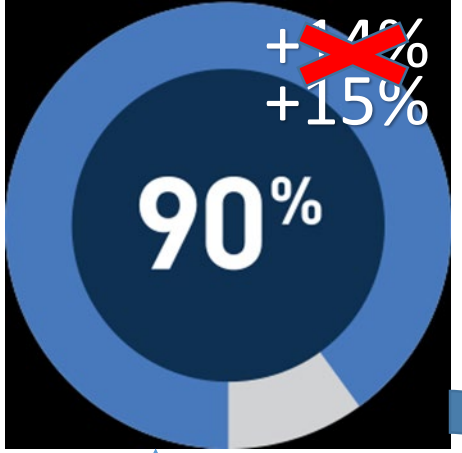
Landowner Payment Rates
June 2018
Website data released Jan 2018
Updated at the end of this document

Township/City	2018 MN CREP Cropland Rate
Riceland twp	\$ 7,115.77



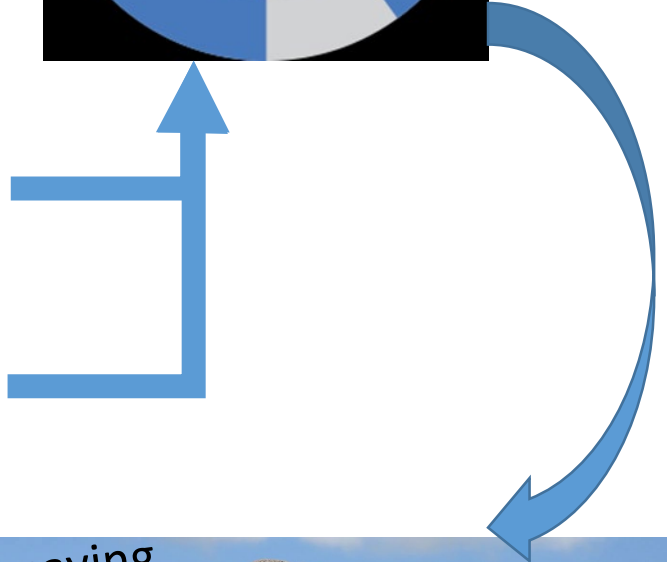
2018 RIM-only
CREP Crop Rate

IS NOW:



~~Pres. Incentive
(+14%)~~

RIM Incentive
(+15%)



"I could see a guy saying
that's a good deal."



What's this rate used for?

1. Enrolling existing CRP (non-reenrolls)
2. Expanding from 4:1 up to 8:1 on CP-23a's



Easement Payment Calculation

- Payment Calculations – calculated on the Conservation Easement Financial Worksheet (CEFW)
 - $\text{MN CREP Cropland Rate} - \text{Total CRP Payment} = \text{RIM MN CREP Cropland Payment}$
 - If Total CRP Payment greater than MN CREP Cropland Rate than participant gets CRP payment but no additional RIM MN CREP Cropland payment for the easement, this will be a rare situation, but –
 - To get the higher CRP payment they must have a RIM easement even if RIM does not contribute funds to the landowner
 - BWSR will still have significant costs tied to restoration, easement processing, easement stewardship and technical assistance at the state and local levels

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MNCREP Application Workbook (Ver. 06)

Updated workbook – Version 06

- Need to collect some new data, address CRP changes and control data entry
 - Must use this version for all new apps
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- Majority of workbook is the same as before, except –
 - Program Eligibility Form – Buffer Law question deleted
 - CRP Data – data validation for contract period dates, payment calculations
 - Conservation Easement Financial Worksheet (CEFW) – existing CRP field, soil productivity incentive payment calculation, error messaging

RIM MN-CREP Workbook Application Checklist



Landowner Name:	County/SWCD Office:
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REQUIRED FORMS AND DOCUMENTS FOR ALL APPLICATIONS

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Easement Application Form | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Easement Financial Worksheet (CEFW) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program Eligibility Form | <input type="checkbox"/> Score Sheets: <input type="checkbox"/> CP-2 <input type="checkbox"/> CP-21 <input type="checkbox"/> CP-23 <input type="checkbox"/> CP-23a |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CRP Data | <input type="checkbox"/> Questionnaire & Easement Area Assessment Form |

(Note: All forms listed above can be found in this workbook)

AIR PHOTO AND/OR MAP DOCUMENTATION

ALL APPLICATIONS—Aerial photo displaying each of the following (suggested map groupings provided)

Map 1

- Proposed preliminary easement boundary and photo scale clearly shown. **Label and list acres for MNCREP Cropland, RIM-Only Crop (Existing CRP, Ineligible CRP), RIM-Only Non-Crop, Donated.**
- Planned dimensions and distances for easement area. Identify section corners or centers.
- Location and boundary of other conservation easements contained within the proposed application area, if applicable
- Location and name or number of any public waters or public water wetlands that are within or adjacent to the proposed application area, if applicable
- Location of building sites or utilities (pipelines, power lines, telecommunications lines or cables) located within or adjacent to the planned easement area. Provide details where possible.

Map 2

- Areas with crop history vs. no crop history; areas under existing CRP contract

APPLICATIONS WITH CP-23 AND/OR CP-23a—additional documentation:

Map 3

- Documentation identifying any drainage components (tile, ditches, pumps, etc.)
- Types and locations of basic wetland restoration strategies that are anticipated such as tile blocks, tile outlets, tile reroutes, pump removal, ditch plugs, embankments, scrapes, etc.
- Location of all program eligible drained/altered wetland areas. If the application contains eligible drained/altered wetlands that are unsuitable for scoring, identify them separately from scored wetland areas. If depressional (ponded) areas exist within wetland areas and are used in scoring, indicate them as well.

Map 4

- LiDAR elevation information for application area and surrounding area





STATE OF MINNESOTA CONSERVATION EASEMENT Application Form



Landowner First Name		Landowner Last Name/Business*		Spouse's Name (if married)		County/Field Office*	
Complete Mailing Address (Street, RFD, Box No.)*				Attention		City*	
State*		Zip Code*					
Phone Number (Home)		Phone Number (Work)		Phone Number (Cell)		E-Mail Address	

Project Name (if applicable)
LSOHC Planning Unit

Township 1 Name*	Sect*	TWP*	Range*
Township 2 Name: (if applicable)	Sect	TWP	Range

<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; display: inline-block; margin-right: 10px;"></div> Easement Type*	Total Easement Acres† <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 120px; height: 80px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;"></div>
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RIM MN-CREP Workbook Program Eligibility Form



Landowner Name:

County/SWCD Office:

1. Is landowner (MS 103F.511 Subd.6) required to be [certified by the MN Department of Agriculture \(MDA\)](#) before engaging in farming or having an interest in agricultural land?

Yes No

If yes, has the landowner obtained certification and has the SWCD verified certification using the MDA Corporate Farm Lookup website?

Yes No

2. Has the land been owned by the landowner, or a parent or other blood relative of the landowner, for at least one year before the date of application? (MS 103F.515, Subd. 2, (c), (1))

Yes No

Check the box below that best describes the current property ownership:

Individual Multiple Owners Husband and Wife Contract for Deed Trust Entity such as LLP or LLC

3. Has all land included in the CRP offer been in agricultural crop production for at least two of the past five years before the date of application, or does it meet one of the other requirements as listed in [MN Rules section 8400.3030](#)?

Yes No

4. Is the offer greater than or equal to 8 acres in size?

Yes No

Click on "Minimum Size Waiver" button below to review criteria and fill out the waiver, if applicable.

[Minimum Size Waiver](#)





Landowner Eligibility Types

RIM Handbook



RIM's definition of an eligible "Landowner" means an individual or entity that is not prohibited from owning agricultural land under section 500.24 and either owns eligible land or is purchasing eligible land under a contract for deed.

[MN Statute Section 500.24](#) was passed in 1971 to "encourage and protect the family farm as a basic economic unit, to insure it as the most socially desirable mode of agricultural production, and to enhance and promote the stability and well-being of rural society in Minnesota and the nuclear family." As such, section 500.24 requires certain entities be certified by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture before engaging in farming or having an interest in agricultural land.

In order to meet Landowner eligibility requirements, the following entities will need to either be certified or determined exempt by the Department of Agriculture:

- Trust, Pension, or Investment Fund
- Corporation
- Limited Liability Company (LLC)
- Limited Partnership (LP)
- Limited Liability Limited Partnership (LLLLP)

Note that General Partnerships and Limited Liability Partnerships do not need to submit an application. Also, Trusts that had owned land prior to May 16, 2000 are grandfathered in and do not need to submit an application.



RIM Program Eligibility

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1. Is landowner (MS 103F.511 Subd.6) required to be certified by the MN Department of Agriculture (MDA) before engaging in farming or having an interest in agricultural land?

Yes No

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Yes No

Has the landowner obtained certification and has the SWCD verified certification using the MDA Corporate Farm Lookup website?

Yes No

Offer cannot proceed until certification is received. Ineligible for RIM MN-CREP if unable to obtain certification.

3

1. Is landowner (MS 103F.511 Subd.6) required to be certified by the MN Department of Agriculture (MDA) before engaging in farming or having an interest in agricultural land?

Yes No

Has the landowner obtained certification and has the SWCD verified certification using the MDA Corporate Farm Lookup website?

Yes No

MINNESOTA'S CORPORATE FARM REPORT



Home > Business Dev, Loans, Grants > Business & Marketing > Minnesota's Corporate Farm Report

Minnesota's Corporate Farm Report

Corporate Farm Application Instructions

Explanation of Exemptions

[Minnesota Statute Section 500.24](#) requires that all pension or investment funds, corporations, limited partnerships, limited liability companies, and irrevocable trusts must be certified by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture before engaging in farming or having an interest in agricultural land.

The law was passed in 1971 to "encourage and protect the family farm as a basic economic unit, to insure it as the most socially desirable mode of agricultural production, and to enhance and promote the stability and well-being of rural society in Minnesota and the nuclear family."

The corporate farm law restricts business entities (Corporations, Limited Partnerships, Trusts, etc) from engaging in farming or having any type of interest in agricultural land unless they satisfy certain requirements.

Entities must complete a corporate farm application and send it to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (see application for mailing address). If the entity satisfies the requirements of the statute, the Department will send a certificate signed by the Commissioner stating that the entity is in compliance with the law.

Each year in February the Department will send out a renewal form to all certified entities to make sure the information on file at the Department is current. That report is due back to the Department by April 15th annually.

There is a \$15 fee requirement with any of the filings.

FORMS + RESOURCES

- > [Corporate Farm Application | Corporation \(PDF\)](#)
- > [Corporate Farm Application | Limited Liability Company \(PDF\)](#)
- > [Corporate Farm Application | Limited Partnership \(or LLLP\) \(PDF\)](#)
- > [Corporate Farm Application | Trust / Pension / Investment Fund \(PDF\)](#)
- > [Commissioner's Exemptions Report 2018 \(PDF\)](#)
- > [Corporate Farm Lookup](#)

Minnesota's Corporate Farm Application



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Corporation Application

Registration # (For Office Use)

Name of Corporation:

File # (Issued by the Secretary of State)

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone: Email:

My land is not considered highly erodible therefore a conservation plan is not needed.

Part or all of my land is considered highly erodible and I am implementing my conservation plan.

If you are unsure, consult with your county soil & water department. If you have highly erodible land, you will need to submit a conservation plan proposed by the Soil & Water Conservation District for Highly Erodible Land.



Corporate Farm Search

Company Name: ×

(Optional)

If you're not sure how a name begins, type a percent sign (%) in front of it.

If you're not sure how a name ends, only type the beginning of it. Do not include a percent sign.

County:

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BECKER	
BELTRAMI	
BENTON	v

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2. Has the land been owned by the landowner, or a parent or other blood relative of the landowner, for at least one year before the date of application? (MS 103F.515, Subd. 2, (c), (1))

Yes No

Check the box below that best describes the current property ownership:

Individual Multiple Owners Husband and Wife Contract for Deed Trust Entity such as LLP or LLC



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OFFICE OF THE RECORDER

BROWN CO, MINNESOTA

Recorded on:

September 06, 2016 8:00 AM

to the Estate of Eckstein and Eckstein, Decedent,
Eckstein and Eckstein,

- If current deed does not reflect ≥ 1 year of ownership from time of application, we need previous deed(s).



3. Has all land included in the CRP offer been in agricultural crop production for at least two of the past five years before the date of application, or does it meet one of the other requirements as listed in [MN Rules section 8400.3030](#)?

Yes No

Acres enrolled as cropland in a qualifying federal or state conservation program (e.g., CRP) shall be considered as having cropping history for years enrolled.





4. Is the offer greater than or equal to 8 acres in size?

Yes No

Ineligible for RIM MN-CREP unless waiver granted

Click on "Minimum Size Waiver" button below to review criteria and fill out the waiver, if applicable.

[Minimum Size Waiver](#)



- Eight acre minimum offer size –
 - Chosen since the average CP21 size, per FSA was 8 acres
 - Administrative costs to record an easement is approximately the same whether it is a one or eight acre sized easement
 - Goal is to maximize the amount of money paid to participants and minimize administrative costs





- In the MN CREP Agreement waivers to the minimum eight acre size were identified and agreed upon that would allow
 “...offers less than eight acre to be scored and ranked in the same manner as offers of eight acres or more...”

- Offer = Application

RIM MN-CREP Workbook

RIM/CREP Minimum Size Waiver Worksheet



Landowner/Project Name:

County/SWCD Office:

This form documents whether a CRP offer under the Minnesota Water Quality and Habitat CREP has met the criteria necessary to waive the 8 acre minimum requirements per the State of Minnesota CREP eligibility requirements criteria. This allows the offer to be scored and ranked. This does not guarantee that the offer will be approved, only that it will be scored and ranked the same as all other eligible offers.

Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, or Beginning Farmer or Rancher

- At least one person or legal entity on the offer is a socially disadvantaged, limited resource, or beginning farmer or rancher as determined by CCC. The determination will be provided by FSA to the local SWCD.



- At least one person or legal entity on the offer meets the USDA definition of –
 - Socially disadvantaged
 - Limited resource
 - Beginning farmer or rancher



- Those who wish to self-certify as one of the previously listed categories must complete a CCC-860 form at the local FSA office
- The local FSA office will provide the CCC-860 to the SWCD office to be used in the processing of the RIM application
- A copy of the CCC-860 will be included with the Waiver Worksheet when the RIM application is submitted



- Other waiver conditions may apply:
 - Technical reasons
 - Maximize environmental benefits



For land offered as CP-2

- The majority (>50%) of the land offered as CP-2 is physically located within a Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA) identified by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) AND mapped as very high and/or high vulnerability. The WHPA must be located within the Minnesota Water Quality and Habitat CREP project area.

For land offered as CP-21

- The CP-21 will be immediately adjacent to a Public Water included on the Buffer protection map.
- The CP-21 will be contiguous (immediately adjacent or directly across the watercourse) to already permanently protected land (fee title or easement).
- The CP-21 will be contiguous (immediately adjacent or directly across the watercourse) to another Minnesota Water Quality and Habitat CREP eligible offer or approved contract.
- The CP-21 will, at a minimum, require the width needed for filtering sediment, soluble materials and pathogens according to NRCS Documentation of Eligibility and Suitability for Filter Strip CP21 and the NRCS Filter Strip practice standard.

For land offered as CP-23 or CP-23a

- The CP23 or CP23a will be immediately adjacent to already permanently protected land (fee title or easement) OR another Minnesota Water Quality and Habitat CREP eligible offer or approved contract.

Landowner Signature

Date

SWCD Signature

Date

For SWCD office use only

Waiver Granted—at least one box checked above

Waiver Denied—no boxes above checked



- The RIM/CREP Minimum Size Waiver Worksheet
 - Completed at the SWCD level
 - Signed by the Landowner
 - **Signed by the SWCD along with a determination made and the appropriate box checked (Waiver Granted or Denied)**
 - On form make sure decision is checked when submitting workbook
 - In addition, attach copy of form with signatures and decision box checked as an attachment to the submittal

Questions?



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RIM MN-CREP Workbook

CRP Data



Landowner Name:	County/SWCD Office:
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*Information entered on this worksheet MUST be taken directly from a CRP-1 Conservation Reserve Program Contract that has been signed and dated by the participant in section 12.A (4)

CRP-1 CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM CONTRACT

4. ACRES FOR ENROLLMENT*	9. CONTRACT PERIOD (MM-DD-YYYY)* FROM: 10-01-2019 TO: 09-30-2034	<input type="checkbox"/> CRP-SIP Ineligible: Total
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10.A. RENTAL RATE PER ACRE	10.B. ANNUAL CONTRACT PAYMENT* \$1.00	10.C. FIRST YEAR PAYMENT
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11.A. Tract No.	11.B. Field No.	11.C. Practice No.*	11.D. Acres*	CRP-SIP Ineligible: Partial
				<input type="checkbox"/> SIP Ineligible
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				<input type="checkbox"/> SIP Ineligible

12.A (4) Participant's CRP-1 Signature Date (MM-DD-YYYY)* 08-01-2019

Version 6 Workbook

Contract Period From:

- First day of month
- 2019 or later

Contract Period To:

- September 30th

Contract Length:

- Can't be <14 or >15 years
- If between 14 and 15, 1st year payment required

CRP Contract Payment Calc:

- Contract period dates used for payment calculation

RIM MN-CREP Workbook

Conservation Easement Financial Worksheet (CEFW)



Landowner Name:	County/SWCD Office:
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RIM Valuation

Township 1

Township 2 (if applicable)

West Parkland

	Acres	x	Rate	=	Value		Acres	x	Rate	=	Value
MNCREP Cropland*	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>
RIM-Only Crop	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>
RIM-Only Non-Crop	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>
Donated	<input type="text"/>						<input type="text"/>				
Total Easement Acres	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> 0.00 </div> </div>										

Existing CRP Land entered above as RIM-Only Crop	Acres	Township 1		Acres	Township 2 (if applicable)
	<input type="text"/>			<input type="text"/>	

MNCREP Application Workbook (Ver. 06)



- Conservation Easement Financial Worksheet (CEFW) –
 - Utilize the respective MN CREP RIM Township value in the appropriate rate column –
 - MNCREP Cropland
 - RIM-Only Crop (doesn't include CREP Incentive)
 - RIM-Only Non-Crop



Lands with Crop History:

MNCREP Cropland: Easement acres eligible for this higher payment rate must meet both CRP and RIM eligibility and crop history requirements and be enrolled in MN CREP.

RIM-Only Crop: Easement acres eligible for this payment rate must meet RIM eligibility and crop history requirements, but do not currently meet CRP requirements for enrollment as MNCREP Cropland acres. Easement acres eligible for this payment rate are limited.

Lands without Crop History:

RIM-ONLY NON-CROP: Easement acres eligible for this payment rate must meet RIM eligibility, but do not meet crop history requirements. Easement acres eligible for this lower payment rate are limited.

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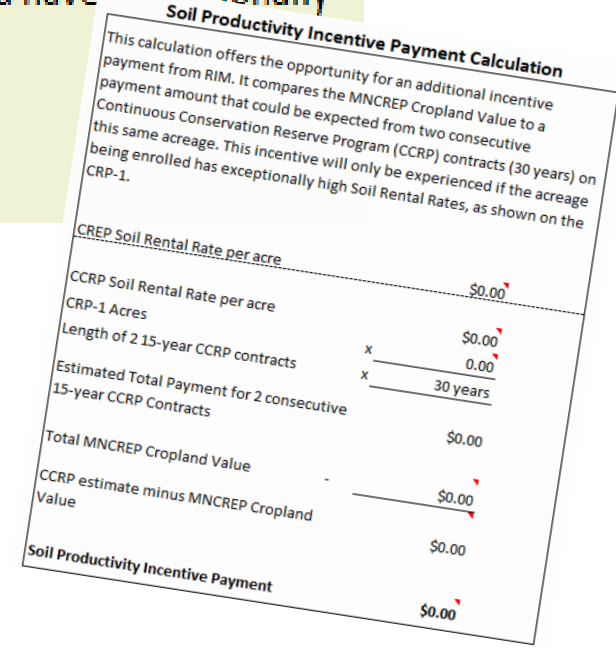


- Conservation Easement Financial Worksheet (CEFW) –
 - RIM-Only Crop can include the following categories of land as identified in the Guidance Document not eligible for the CRP portion of MN CREP –
 - Existing CRP expiring in a future federal fiscal year
 - Expiring CRP not eligible for re-enrollment (4:1 to 8:1 or land use changes like trees)
 - Cropland tied to Item 2. Other Lands or 3. Additional Lands in the Guidance Document



RIM Payment Calculation

MNCREP Cropland Payment		\$0.00	(MNCREP Cropland Value minus Total CRP Payment)
RIM-Only Crop Payment	+	\$0.00	
RIM-Only Non-Crop Payment	+	\$0.00	
Soil Productivity Incentive Payment	+	\$0.00	(generally applies if CRP acres enrolled have exceptionally high soil rental rates)
Total RIM Payment		\$0.00	



- An additional incentive payment
- Basically, calculates what the landowner would have received if they signed up for two consecutive CCRP contracts
 - Application workbook back-calculates the SRR
 - Uses current CCRP process (90% of SRRs, no SIP)

MNCREP Application Workbook (Ver. 06)




- Conservation Easement Financial Worksheet (CEFW) –
 - Red Flag Warnings – Two Scenarios that will indicate the Guidance Document is not being followed
 - RIM-Only Crop >50% of MNCREP Cropland for existing CRP will show an error in the Existing CRP Land Entered Above
 - RIM-Only Non-Crop >20% of MNCREP Cropland
 - **Waivers to these two scenarios are only expected in very limited cases**

MNCREP Application Workbook (Ver. 06)



Sheet 1 of 2

 **STATE OF MINNESOTA CONSERVATION EASEMENT**
Landowner Questionnaire and Easement Area Assessment Form

<i>Landowner Name:</i>	<i>County/SWCD Office:</i>
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Please check either Yes or No, and other appropriate boxes where requested. Provide answers to each question.

1. Yes No Are there any known property deed encumbrances? If so, check all that apply and explain: ▼
 Judgements Liens Mortgages Assessments Easements

2. Yes No Are you aware of any wells within the planned easement area? If yes, are they: ▼
 Active Inactive - Sealed Inactive - Not Sealed

3. Yes No Are you aware of any severed mineral rights on the property? If yes, these rights owned by: ▼
 Privately Held State of MN Bureau of Land Management Other

4. Yes No Is part of the proposed easement area within a platted subdivision? ▼

5. Yes No Have you received a written notice of violation of any local, State, or Federal regulations? This includes DNR Shoreland Rules part 6120.3300, MN Wetland Conservation Act, MN 103E Ditch Buffers, and MN 103F Buffer Law.

MNCREP Application Workbook (Ver. 06)



If re-enrolling expiring CRP as MNCREP Cropland, mark YES for #8 on Landowner Questionnaire and Easement Area Assessment Form and provide comments (e.g., expiring CRP re-enroll)

MNCREP Application Workbook (Ver. 06) Questionnaire



8. Yes No Is some or all of the property currently enrolled in another state or federal conservation program (e.g. CRP) or is it encumbered by another conservation easement (RIM, WRP, Wetland Banking/Mitigation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Land Trust, etc.)? If yes, explain:

Expiring CRP re-enroll and 5 acres existing CRP expires 2022

Note, lands in certain conservation programs or containing other conservation easements may be restricted or ineligible for enrollment. Refer to eligibility guidance for additional information.

MNCREP Application Workbook (Ver. 06)



If a CP23a where the MN CREP offer has maximized the 4:1 upland to wetland ratio and additional RIM-Only Cropland will be added up to a total of 8:1 upland to wetland ratio explain this situation through maps and a statement in #9 on the Landowner Questionnaire and Easement Area Assessment Form



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MN CREP

Environmental Benefits Scoring Sheet Instructions

- CP2 Wellhead Protection Areas**
- CP21 Grass Filter Strips**
- CP23 Wetland Restoration – 100 YR Floodplain**
- CP23A Wetland Restoration – non 100 YR Floodplain**





Scoring

- Purpose of Scoring – to assign an environmental score to an application that can be used for funding decisions
- Each CP for CREP has Target Acres
- Only like CP Practices will be Scored and Ranked together
- Multiple CP Offers: Scored by CP with the largest acreage
- Scoring Thresholds: TBD but will use 2018 thresholds as a starting point



Scoring

- Each CP has its Own Scoring Sheet
 - Click on Appropriate Box or Boxes within each Section
 - Scores are Automatically Calculated
 - Too Many Checks or Checks in Wrong Areas Results in an “Error” Message
-
- Refer to Scoresheet Instructions found on the BWSR website under MN CREP for SWCDs
 - Offer = Application



Scoring

- Scoring Thresholds from the last Batching Period (8/20/18) can be used as a guide for new sign-ups—

Practice	Minimum Score
CP-2	60
CP-21	27
CP-23	12
CP-23a	40

CP 2 & CP21

Environmental Benefits Scoring Sheet Instructions





CP-2 Scoresheet

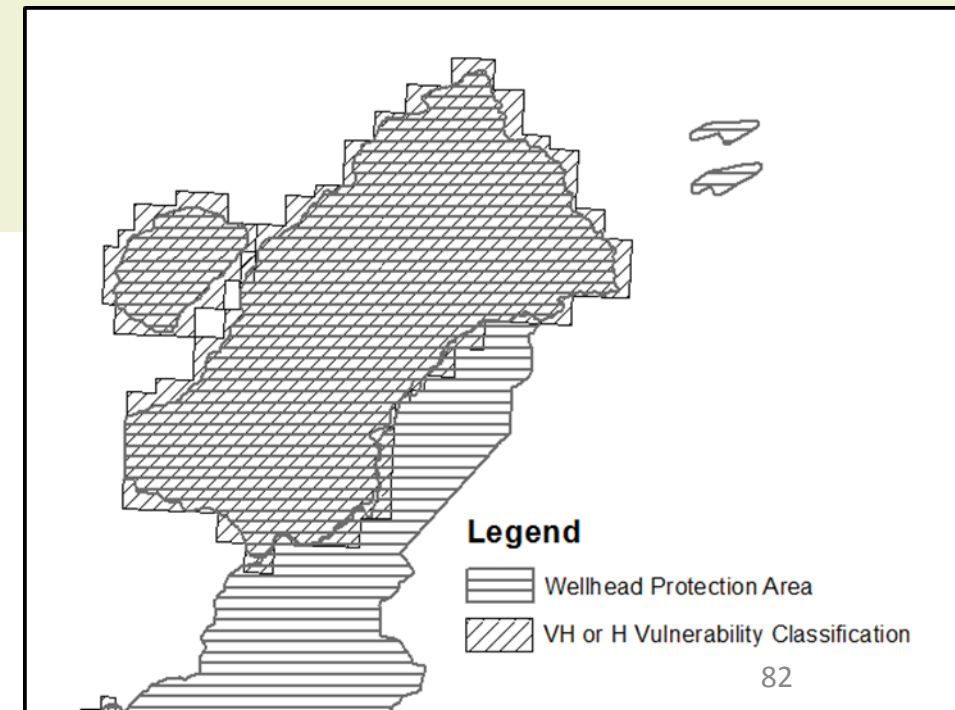
1. LOCATION - The majority (>50%) of the land offered as CP2 is physically located within a Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA) identified by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and mapped as very high and/or high vulnerability. The WHPA must be located within the Minnesota Water Quality and Habitat CREP project area.

Score

0

(maximum score 50)

- a. Yes — 50 pts
- b. No — 0 pts



CP-2 Scoresheet





2. SPATIAL RELATIONSHIP - The offer and other existing permanently protected land (fee title or easement) amounts to ____% protection of the very high and/or high vulnerability portions of the WHPA. *Offer acres + Existing protected acres ÷ VH and/or H vulnerability acres within WHPA (maximum score 50)*

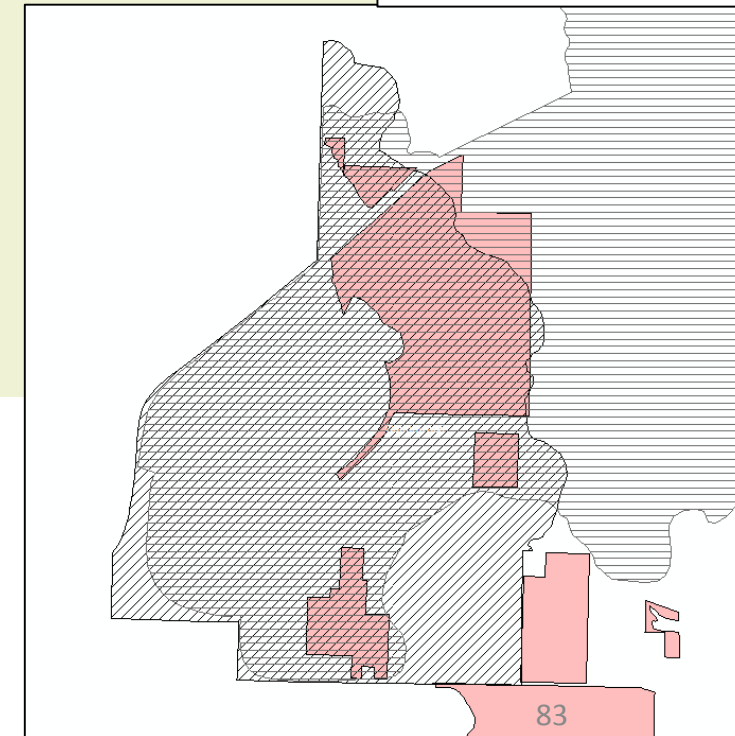
Score

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- a. 75–100% — 50 pts
- b. 50–74% — 40 pts
- c. 25–49% — 30 pts
- d. 10–24% — 20 pts
- e. < 10% — 10 pts

Legend

-  Wellhead Protection Area
-  VH or H Vulnerability Classification



CP-21 Scoresheet

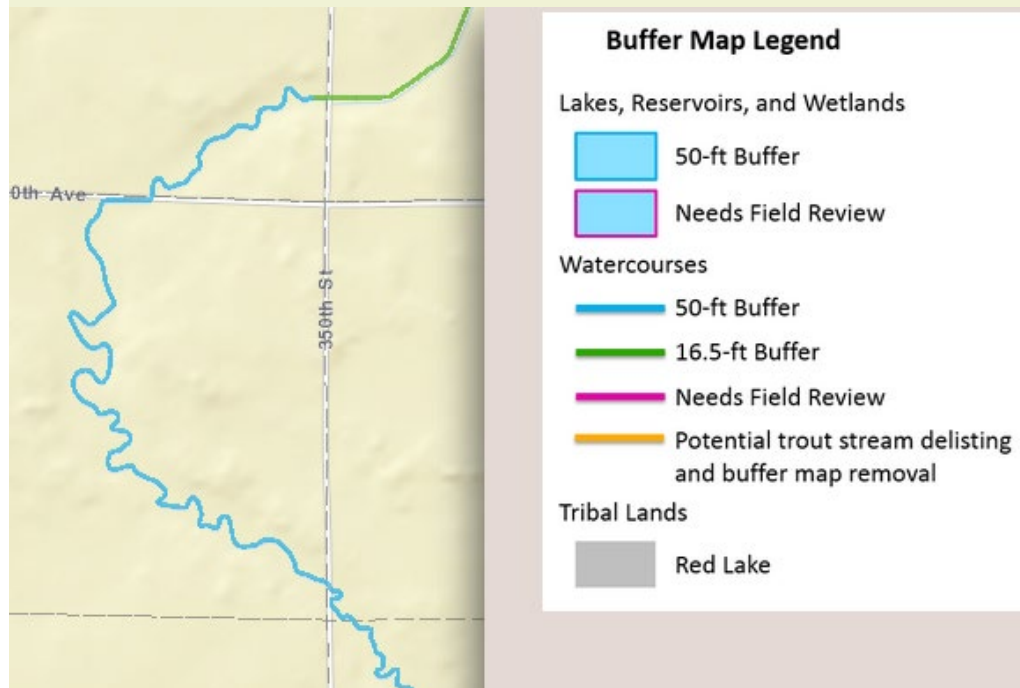


1. LOCATION — At least a portion of the CP21 offer is adjacent to a: *(maximum score 20)*

Score

0

- a. Public water included on the Buffer protection map — 20 pts
- b. Public drainage system included on the Buffer protection map — 7 pts
- c. Priority water identified in a State approved local water plan — 7 pts
- d. None of the above — 0 pts



CP-21 Scoresheet

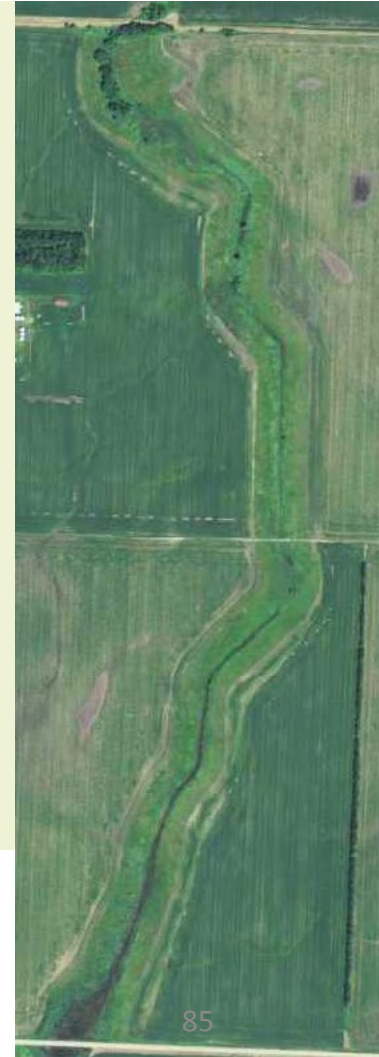


2. LINEAR CORRIDOR CONNECTIVITY *(maximum score 15)*

Score

0

- a. Permanently protected land (fee title or easement) or another Minnesota Water Quality and Habitat CREP eligible offer or approved contract is on both ends of the land to be devoted to CP21 — 15 pts
- b. Permanently protected land (fee title or easement) or another Minnesota Water Quality and Habitat CREP eligible offer or approved contract is only on one end of the land to be devoted to CP21 — 7 pts
- c. Permanently protected land (fee title or easement) or another Minnesota Water Quality and Habitat CREP eligible offer or approved contract on the same watercourse/water body is within one mile of either end of the land to be devoted to CP21 — 4 pts
- d. Permanently protected land (fee title or easement) or another Minnesota Water Quality and Habitat CREP eligible offer or approved contract on the same watercourse/water body is greater than one mile from either end of the land to be devoted to CP21 — 2 pts





CP-21 Scoresheet

3. **LENGTH** — total length of the CP21 offer in linear feet as measured as close to the watercourse as possible, each side is counted and added together (if both sides of a watercourse are a part of the offer) (*maximum score 30*)

Score

0

- a. > 20,000 ft — 30 pts
- b. > 5,000 and \leq 20,000 ft — 20 pts
- c. > 2,500 and \leq 5,000 ft — 12 pts
- d. > 1,000 and \leq 2,500 ft — 8 pts
- e. \leq 1,000 ft — 4 pts



2,500 Feet



4. Sediment and Sediment Associated Materials Potential (derived from MN NRCS Filter Strip Standard 393, Table 1). Select the score that represents the specific filter strip situation of the CP21 offer as utilized when filter strip width was determined. (maximum score 17)

RUSLE2 Soil Loss tons/acre/yr	Upland Watershed Area to Filter Strip Area Ratio			
	60:1	40:1	20:1	10:1
≤ 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
2.1–4	<input type="checkbox"/> 13	<input type="checkbox"/> 13	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
4.1–6	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> 13	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
6.1–8	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> 17	<input type="checkbox"/> 17	<input type="checkbox"/> 10

OR

Soluble Materials Potential (sediment and sediment associated materials potential already included in the chart below) (derived from MN NRCS Filter Strip Standard 393, Table 1). Select the score that represents the specific filter strip situation of the CP21 offer as utilized when filter strip width was determined. (maximum score 35)

% Slope of Contributing Area	Upland Watershed Area to Filter Strip Area Ratio			
	60:1	40:1	20:1	10:1
1.1–3	<input type="checkbox"/> 22	<input type="checkbox"/> 20	<input type="checkbox"/> 17	<input type="checkbox"/> 14
3.1–5	<input type="checkbox"/> 29	<input type="checkbox"/> 25	<input type="checkbox"/> 22	<input type="checkbox"/> 20
5.1–12	<input type="checkbox"/> 35	<input type="checkbox"/> 30	<input type="checkbox"/> 29	<input type="checkbox"/> 24

CP2 Wellhead or CP21 Filter Strip



Scoring and RIM-Only applicability

Contact: Tabor Hoek at

tabor.hoek@state.mn.us or

507-537-7260



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CP 23 and CP23A

Environmental Benefits Scoring Sheet Instructions



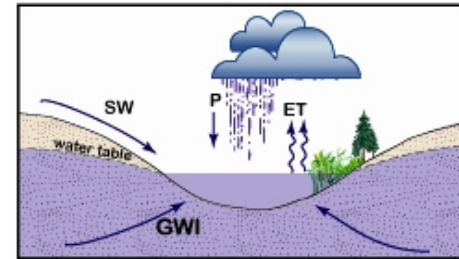
Section A. Restoration Benefits – Maximum Score 50 points



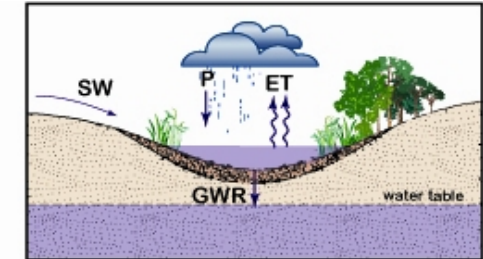
- Factors Affecting Section Scoring
 - Number and Size of Restorable Wetlands
 - Type of Wetlands Being Restored
 - Functional Gain from Identified Restorations
 - Extent of Upland Buffer Included
- Two Parts of the Section
 - Depressional Wetland Landscape Setting
 - Non-Depressional Wetland Landscape Setting
(can only score in one area)

Definitions

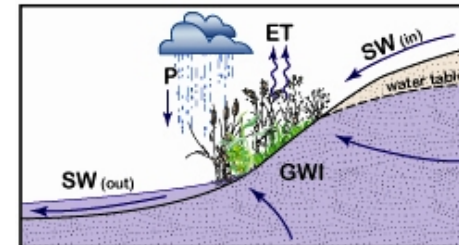
- Depressional Wetlands
- Non-Depressional Wetlands
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- Drained Wetlands
 - Effectively Drained
 - Partially Drained
- Basin
- Size of Largest Basin
- Total Upland to Wetland Ratio



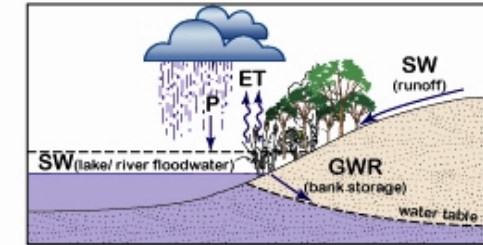
Ground Water - Depression



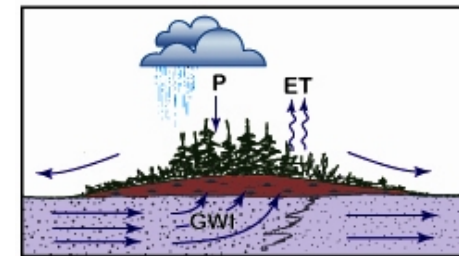
Surface Water - Depression



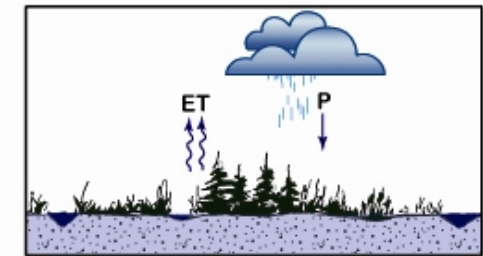
Ground Water - Slope



Surface Water - Slope

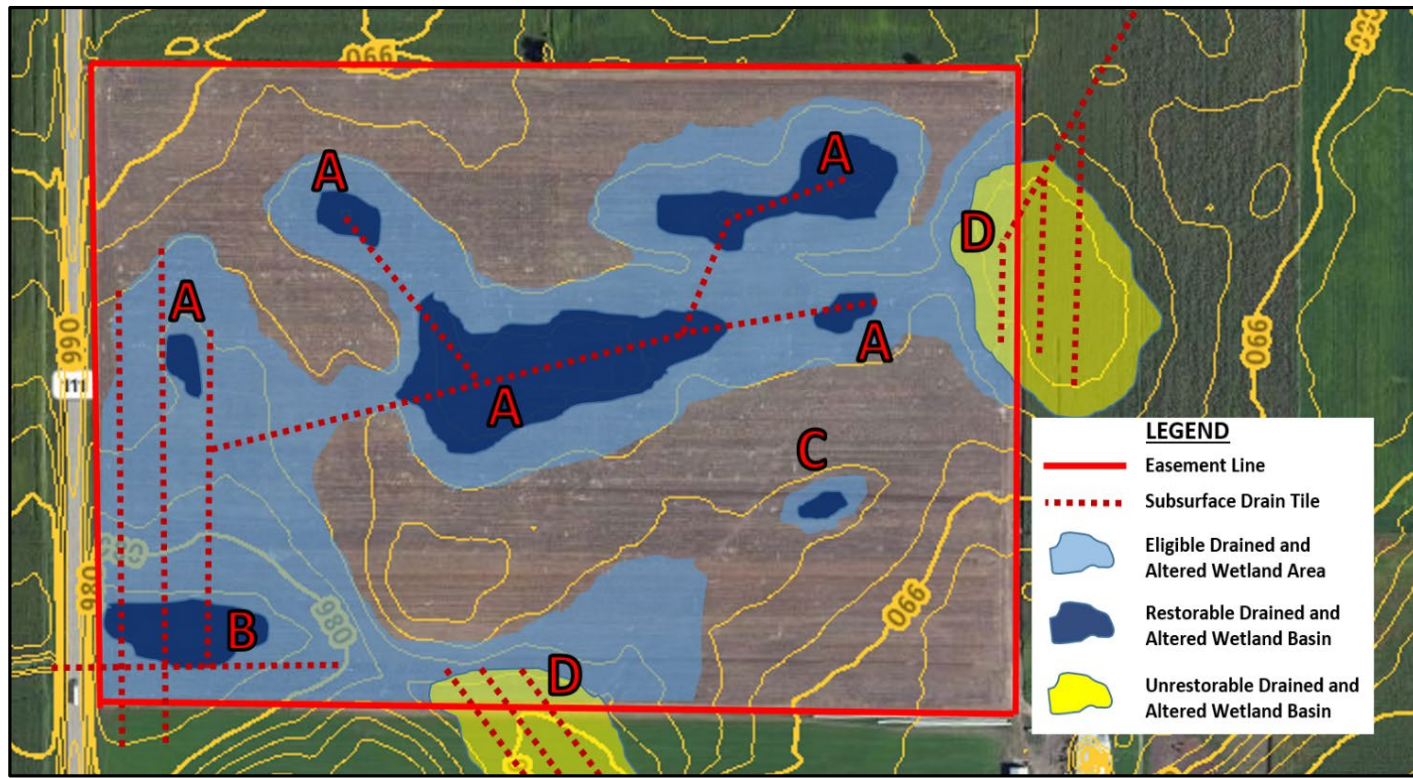


Ground Water - Extensive Flat



Surface Water - Extensive Flat

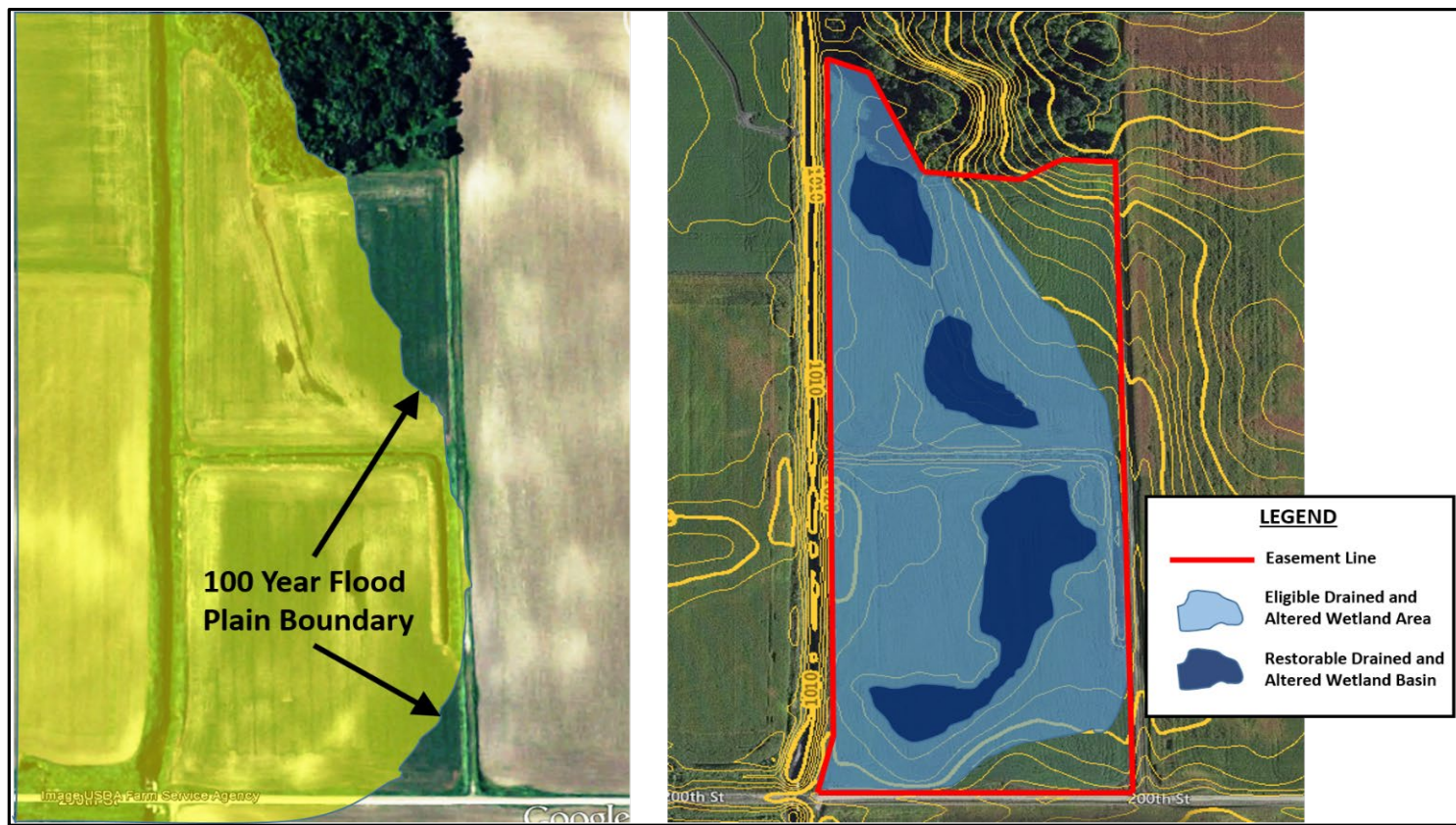
P = Precipitation
 ET = Evapotranspiration
 SW = Surface Water
 GWI = Ground Water Inflow
 GWR = Recharge to Ground Water



LEGEND

- Easement Line
- - - Subsurface Drain Tile
- Eligible Drained and Altered Wetland Area
- Restorable Drained and Altered Wetland Basin
- Unrestorable Drained and Altered Wetland Basin

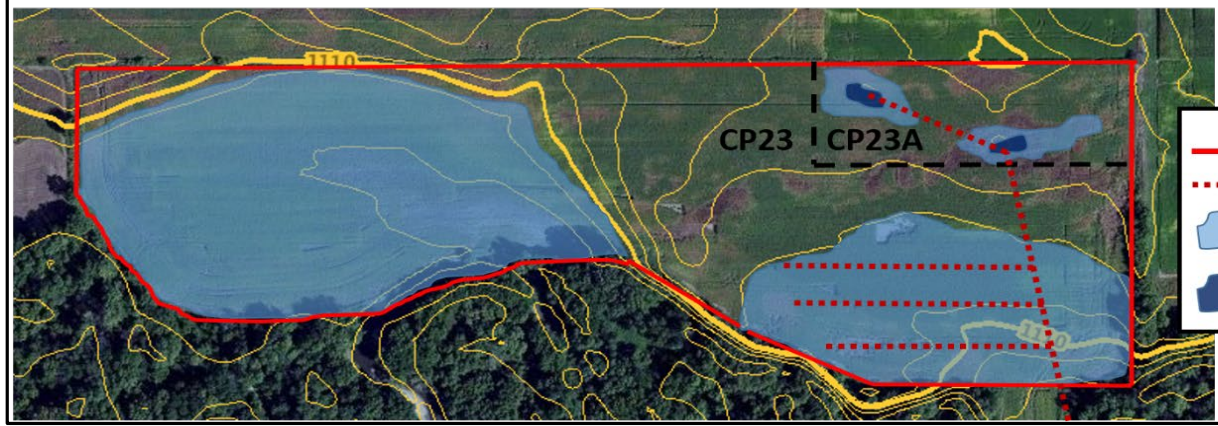
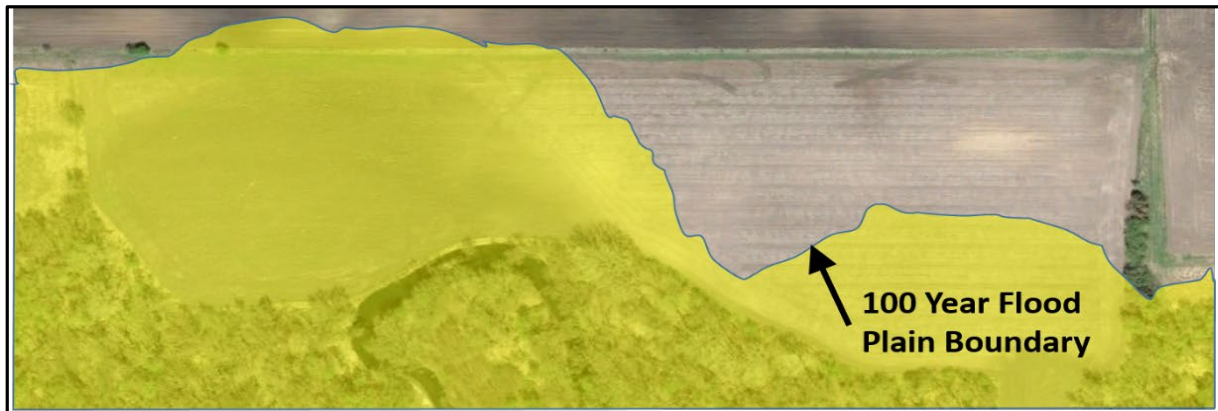
A. RESTORATION BENEFITS <i>(maximum score capped at 50)</i>					Score		
					47		
Wetland Condition →	<i>Effectively Drained</i>	<i>Partially Drained</i>	<i>Farmed Only</i>		Total Upland : Wetland Ratio		
	No. of Basins	Check one <i>(if applicable)</i>	Check one <i>(if applicable)</i>	Check one <i>(if applicable)</i>	Check one <i>(if applicable)</i>		
Restorable Depressional Wetlands (Basins)	1	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3	AND	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	
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	4	<input type="checkbox"/> 25	<input type="checkbox"/> 17	<input type="checkbox"/> 9		<input type="checkbox"/> 20	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
	5	<input type="checkbox"/> 30	<input type="checkbox"/> 21	<input type="checkbox"/> 11		<input type="checkbox"/> 25	<input type="checkbox"/> 10
	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 35	<input type="checkbox"/> 24	<input type="checkbox"/> 13		<input type="checkbox"/> 30	
	≥ 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 40	<input type="checkbox"/> 28	<input type="checkbox"/> 15			
					AND		
					AND		
				Size of Largest Basin (acres)			
				Check one <i>(if applicable)</i>			
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				6-10 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7		≥ 1:1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	
				11-20 <input type="checkbox"/> 15		≥ 2:1 <input type="checkbox"/> 6	
				21-30 <input type="checkbox"/> 20		≥ 3:1 <input type="checkbox"/> 8	
				31-40 <input type="checkbox"/> 25		≥ 4:1 <input type="checkbox"/> 10	
				> 40 <input type="checkbox"/> 30			



A. RESTORATION BENEFITS (maximum score capped at 50)

Score 20

Wetland Condition →		Effectively Drained	Partially Drained	Farmed Only	Size of Largest Basin (acres)	Total Upland : Wetland Ratio
		No. of Basins	Check one (if applicable)	Check one (if applicable)	Check one (if applicable)	Check one (if applicable)
Restorable Depressional Wetlands (Basins)	1	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	AND	<input type="checkbox"/> 0
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	≥ 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 40	<input type="checkbox"/> 28	<input type="checkbox"/> 15		<input type="checkbox"/> 10
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					AND	



LEGEND

- Easement Line
- - - Subsurface Drain Tile
- Eligible Drained and Altered Wetland Area
- Restorable Drained and Altered Wetland Basin

A. RESTORATION BENEFITS *(maximum score capped at 50)* **Score** 13

Wetland Condition →		<i>Effectively Drained</i>	<i>Partially Drained</i>	<i>Farmed Only</i>	Total Upland : Wetland Ratio	
	Wetland Acres	Check one <i>(if applicable)</i>	Check one <i>(if applicable)</i>	Check one <i>(if applicable)</i>	Check one <i>(if applicable)</i>	
Restorable Non-Depressional Wetlands	< 10	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	< 1:1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0
	10 - 40	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	≥ 1:1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
	41 - 80	<input type="checkbox"/> 12	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4	≥ 2:1	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
	81 - 120	<input type="checkbox"/> 16	<input type="checkbox"/> 11	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	≥ 3:1	<input type="checkbox"/> 10
	≥ 121	<input type="checkbox"/> 20	<input type="checkbox"/> 14	<input type="checkbox"/> 8		

AND

Section B. Ecological / Habitat Benefits – Maximum Score 20 points



Helps further define benefits of CP23 and CP23a

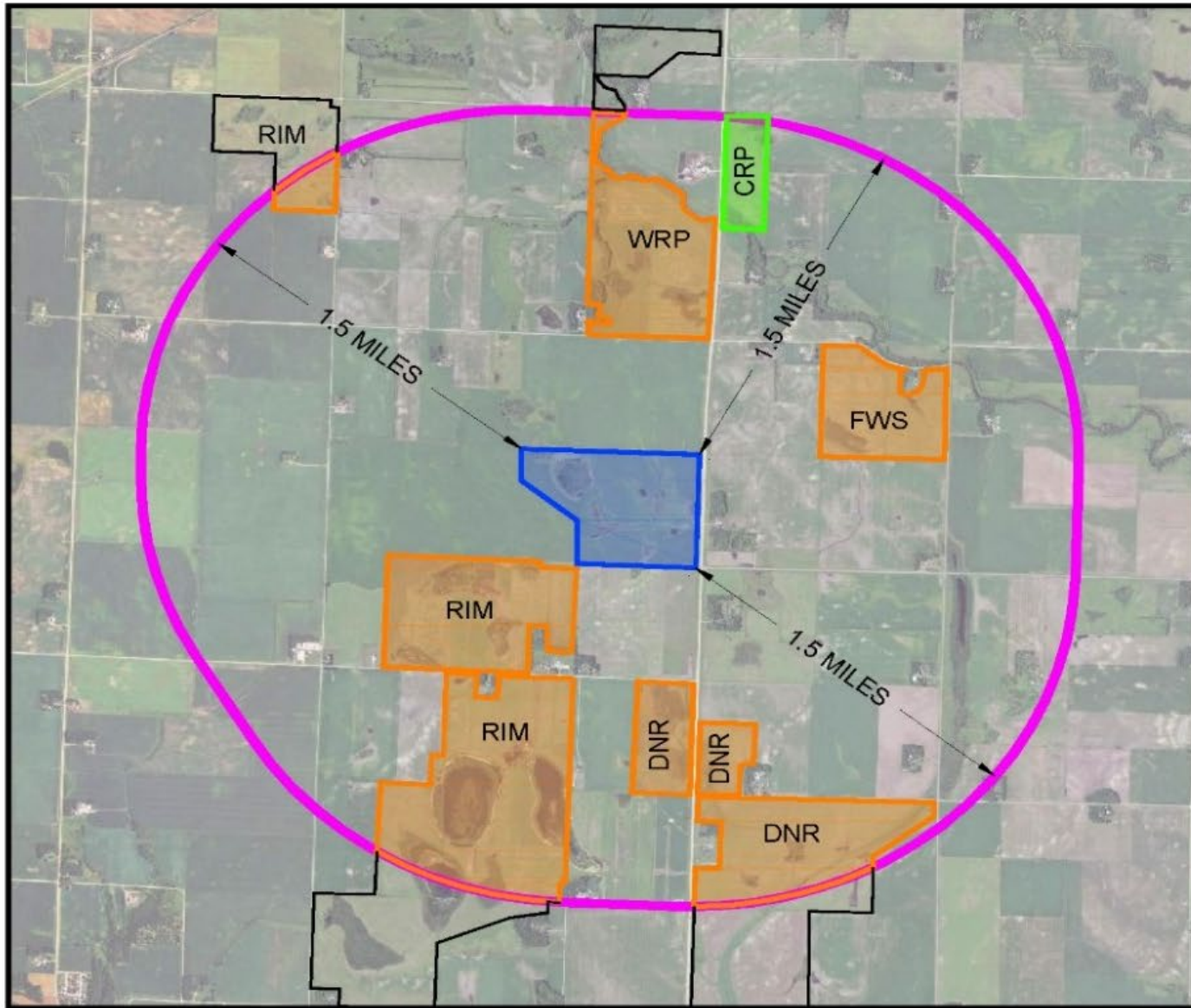
- Applications with larger acreage receive more points
- Proximity to permanently protected land within a 1.5 mile radius receive additional points
 - DNR WMA's, SNA's, Public Waters Wetlands
 - USFW WPA's, State & Federal Wildlife Refuges
 - TNC Preserves, state and national forests
 - Perpetual RIM, WRP and USFW conservation easements
 - Approved CRP offers as part of MN CREP
 - Does not include stand alone CRP, CCRP

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- BWSR website link to the MN CREP shapefiles for Section B. Ecological/Habitat Benefits –
 - <https://bwsr.state.mn.us/mn-crep-swcds> > SHAPEFILES





LEGEND

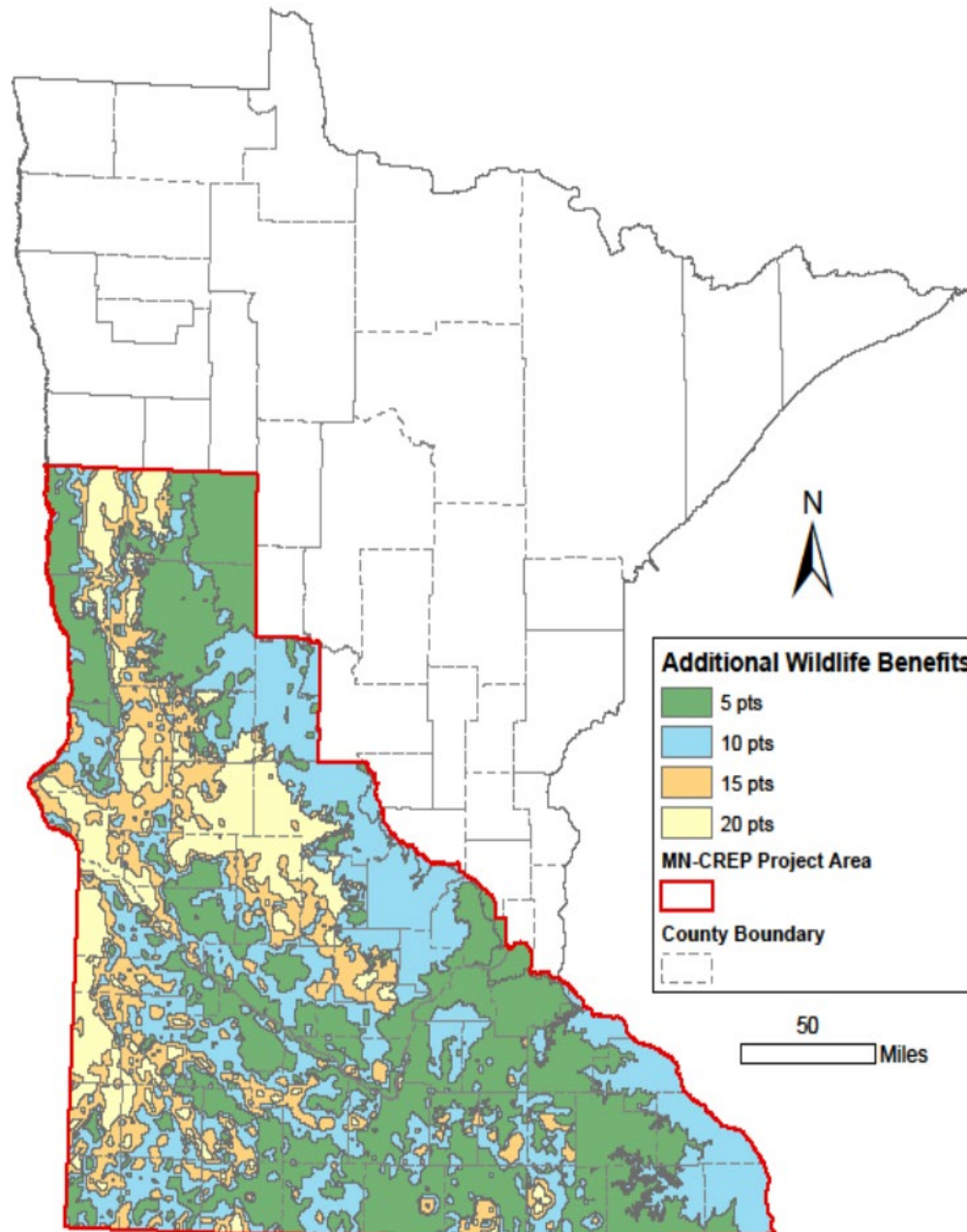
- PROPOSED EASEMENT AREA - 185 ACRES
- ELIGIBLE PERMANENT CONSERVATION LANDS - 1,256 ACRES
- INELIGIBLE CRP
- 1.5 MILE BUFFER AREA

Size (Total CP23a acres)	
<i>(Check one)</i>	
≤ 40	<input type="checkbox"/> 0
41 - 80	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
81 - 120	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
121 - 160	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
> 160	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10

Acres of Permanent Habitat within 1.5 miles of the CP23a offered area	
<i>(Check one)</i>	
≤ 200	<input type="checkbox"/> 0
200 - 500	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
501 - 1000	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
1001 - 3000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 8
over 3000	<input type="checkbox"/> 10

- Instructions for calculating the buffer using ArcGIS is on page 6 of the scoring sheet

Section C. Additional Wildlife Benefits – Maximum Score 20 points



- Landscape position using USFWS HAPET
 - If the easement boundary crosses a landscape position then score the majority of the offered area (greater than 50%)

D. ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS (*maximum score 10*)

Score

0



(Check all that Apply)

1. The majority of the area within the CP23a offered area is within a Prairie Plan Core or Corridor Area.	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
2. The CP23a offered area is beneficial to, and within 1 mile of breeding/population of Federal or State listed Endangered or Threatened species as identified by DNR Natural Heritage Database (State Special Concern species shall not be considered). Federal species to be considered include Endangered, Threatened, and Candidate species, including designated critical habitat (e.g. Topeka shiner).	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
3. The CP23a offered area buffers and/or the majority of runoff from it drains to and is within 1/2 mile of a DNR Protected Waters or designated aquatic management areas.	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
4. The CP23a offered area project will result in addressing water quality concerns for conventional pollutants (examples: sediment, phosphorus, hydrology, bacteria, nitrogen) as identified in a TMDL report or implementation plan or a Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS).	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
5. The predominant soils (more than 50%) within the CP23a offered area are Highly Erodible Land (HEL) or Partially Highly Erodible Land (PHEL).	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
6. The majority of the contributing watershed(s) to the CP23a offered area is in agricultural use.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1

Note: *If points are taken for considerations 1 thru 3, additional documentation must be provided. Refer to Site Evaluation Form - Instruction documents for further information.*

Section D. Additional Considerations – Maximum Score 10 points



- Documentation must be provided for 1 thru 3 in this section
 - Consideration 1 – Aerial photo of application location w/respect to Prairie Plan Core or Corridor Area
 - Consideration 2 – Aerial photo of application location w/respect to a 1 mile radius of Federal or State listed Endangered or Threatened species.
 - Consideration 3 – (only applicable to CP-23a) Aerial photo w/respect to ½ mile radius of downstream DNR Protected Waters or designated aquatic management areas.

CP23 Wetland or CP23A Floodplain Wetland



MN CREP Wetland Restoration Training – March 2019

- The sessions went into depth on wetland restoration/vegetation implementation for CP23/CP23a and other important topics
- PowerPoints were used during the training and these will be posted to the BWSR website under MN CREP – MN CREP for SWCDs – Training & Webinar Information link
- If there is a need for this training to be delivered again CREP-wide as a WebEx let Tom Wenzel know and it will be scheduled

CP23 Wetland or CP23A Floodplain Wetland



- **RIM-Only applicability**

Contact: John Voz at john.voz@state.mn.us or 218-846-8426

- **Wetland restorability and scoring**

Contact: Tom Wenzel or Karen Bonde thomas.wenzel@state.mn.us or 651-296-0883;
karen.bonde@state.mn.us or 651-297-3998

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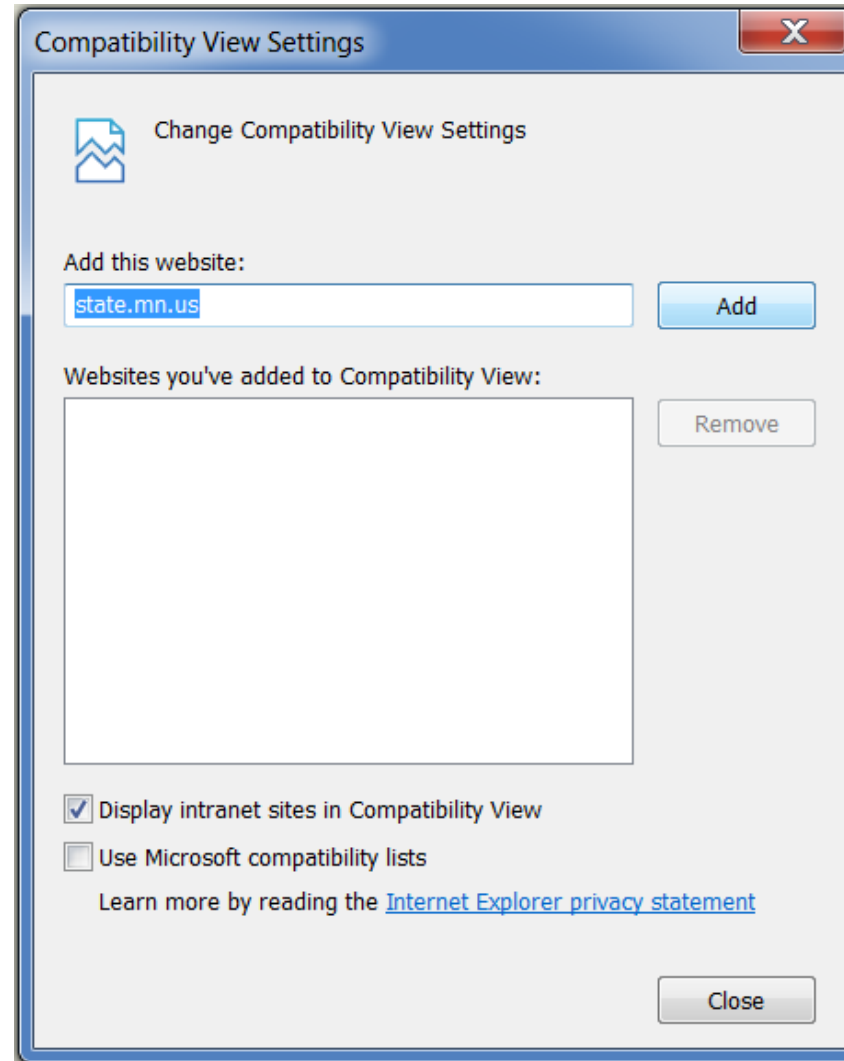
Application Module: Access and Configuration



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Application Module: Configuration



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Easement Application Module Information



Application Submittal Guidance

Refer to the MN CREP Easement Application Workbook's "Instructions – Menu" tab for guidance on importing application materials. Take special note of the allowed file types for each of the required application documents.

Application Materials & Program Guidance

The [MN CREP Guidance Materials webpage](#) contains the Application Workbook, Program Guidance, and any additional documents or links that will assist you with preparing applications. Make sure to refresh the webpage (press F5) to see the most up-to-date information.

The [RIM Handbook](#) goes into greater detail about RIM Program specifics.

Scoring & Ranking; Batching Periods

Applications will be scored and ranked during specified batching periods. Here are results from recent batching periods:

Batch #	Batching Period Date	Practice	Min. Score
18-12	8/20/2018	CP-2	60
18-12	8/20/2018	CP-21	27
18-12	8/20/2018	CP-23	12
18-12	8/20/2018	CP-23a	40

For scores from previous batching periods, please view [this document](#).

August 20th, 2018 was the last batching period of the federal fiscal year and considered all four CP's. Additional batching periods for the new federal fiscal year will be announced once determined.

Application Module: Add New App



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Search Results:

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Application Module: Add Supporting Docs



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Upload Document

Document Type

- Agreement Information Form
- Air Photo and Map
- Application-signed copy
- CRP-1
- Deed
- Minimum Size Waiver
- Ownership and Eligibility
- Shapefile
- W-9 IRS Form

Application Module: Submit App



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Application	MNCREP_EasApp_QA_v09_CP2_2017	MNCREP_EasApp_QA_v09_CP	05/10/2017	05/10/2017	
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Outreach and Communication

Efforts to Secure Additional MN CREP Funds



BWSR and federal, state, local and non-profit partners aggressively moved into 2018 to secure additional MN CREP applications and funding

- Approximately \$140 million of State RIM funds have been appropriated before the 2019 legislative session
- 2019 session awaiting Governor signature –
 - \$17.25 million CREP specific





Outreach Efforts to Secure Additional MN CREP Applications

Local MN CREP Outreach Ideas:

- Identify drowned out areas and other high priority areas in producer fields
- Work with producers to explain potential options, especially with excessive moisture levels, including MN CREP
- Re-enrolls
 - Low hanging fruit
 - MN CREP first batching period (June) should prioritize re-enrolls to ensure end of year processing can occur

Outreach Efforts to Secure Additional MN CREP Applications



Local MN CREP Outreach Ideas:

- CP- 23 and CP-23a
 - MN CREP first batching period (ends June 28th) should prioritize wetland applications to ensure cultural resource reviews and engineering planning can occur before planned contract start date.



Outreach and Communication

- MN CREP for SWCDs on the BWSR Website
 - Updated Frequently
 - News Releases
 - Fact Sheets
 - Marketing Templates
 - Desk Signage
 - Logos
 - Banners – available for check out for use at local events – contact Tabor Hoek, John Voz or Dusty Van Thuyne
 - Landowner Profiles



Outreach and Communication

- MN CREP for SWCDs
 - Continue to use magnetic MN CREP signs for vehicles – contact RIM email if you need additional signs
 - MN CREP hats for landowners who have approved CRP-1 and RIM Agreements



Outreach and Communication

- Reporting
 - Document efforts
 - Report to Washington, funders and the public
 - We will continue to request information from local offices to voluntarily report – stay tuned for future guidance but continue to use the existing reporting on a monthly basis

Outreach and Communication



Send Outreach/Information ideas and concerns to Mary Juhl
at BWSR



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- CREP Outreach and Title Insurance 101 training sessions to be held
 - Marshall – June 11th
 - Mankato – June 13th
 - Alexandria – July 10th
 - Waite Park – July 11th
- Outreach, Title, Application and Submittal items will be covered
- May 10th email from Dusty VanThuyne announcing registration
- Contact Dusty for more information



If you have additional questions feel free to send them to the RIM email box:

bwsr.rim@state.mn.us



Next Steps and Adjourn



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