

2012 RIM-WRP LANDOWNER PROCESS

“I’m interested in RIM-WRP, what should I expect?”



PRE-APPLICATION

RIM-WRP is a voluntary easement program with specific rules and outcomes, including restoring your site to its natural condition. As you consider applying, make sure you understand both the benefits and changes to your land ownership rights. Land rights change – and you must retire associated programs (like FSA benefits) with the site. If you are unclear with any requirements, please ask. Local and state staff want to work with you to determine if this is a good fit for your long-term goals.



STEP 1 – APPLICATION

| <u>Action</u> | <u>Common Timeframe*</u> |
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| Prepare and submit application with local staff | 2 weeks to 2 months |
| Applications routed to NRCS and BWSR; review and selection | around 6 months |



STEP 2 – OFFER & AGREEMENT

| <u>Action</u> | <u>Common Timeframe*</u> |
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| WRP Agreement and RIM draft agreement sent to local office for landowner signatures; agreements signed and returned | around 1 month |



STEP 3 – EASEMENT ACQUISITION & CLOSING

| <u>Action</u> | <u>Common Timeframe*</u> |
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| Legal survey and All Appropriate Inquiry; RIM agreement mailed; conservation plan developed; title clearing process; RIM and WRP easement documents approved by State and Federal attorneys; closing occurs; landowner easement payments issued at closing and/or after easement is recorded and final title policy received. | around 2 years |



STEP 4 – LAND RESTORATION

| <u>Action</u> | <u>Common Timeframe*</u> |
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| Wetland restoration plan designed and constructed. | up to 5 years |
| Vegetation plan formulated and implemented. | |

Interested in learning more? Specific details can be found in the “RIM-WRP Forms Workbook” and the “RIM-WRP Easement Acquisition Process” document. Both are available through your local NRCS/SWCD field office. Local office staff become part of your team to help complete each phase of this process. You are encouraged to contact them with questions, comments, and ideas throughout your RIM-WRP project.

* Commonly experienced timeframes. Actual timeframe at any step depends on the complexities of the title and project details.

**For more information on RIM-WRP, please
contact your local SWCD/NRCS field office at:**

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