



9/23/2025

### Conservation Easement Application

Easement #  
(BWSR use only)

County (easement location)		SWCD (administering easement)		Landowner telephone no.			
Landowner or entity's name			Spouse				
Address (No., Street, RFD, Box No.)			In care of				
City	Township name		Acres	Twp	Range	Section	
State	ZIP	Township name	Acres	Twp	Range	Section	

**Easement type:**

- \*Use CEFW with tax assessed calculation for easement types with an asterisk
- \*\*See [program website](#) for payment rate information. Easement type reference list at end of form.

**Easement payment information (from the Conservation Easement Financial Worksheet):**

Total Easement Acres:	Total Easement Payment:
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**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The purpose of this application is to authorize the collection of the information necessary to make a preliminary determination for the land you are asking to enroll in a conservation easement program. This application is not a binding contract on either party.

By signing this application, the landowner(s) agree to grant local soil and water conservation districts (SWCD) representative(s) permission to visit the parcel and to provide other ownership and title documents requested by the SWCD during this determination.

**TENNESSEN WARNING NOTICE – Social Security Numbers**

As a condition of receiving monetary compensation from the State of Minnesota, you will need to provide your tax identification numbers or social security number. Your social security number is private data under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. Private data on individuals is not available to the public, but it is available to other persons or entities authorized by law to receive the data. Your social security number may be given to the commissioner of revenue for purposes of tax administration. The social security number is also provided to the commissioner of finance for the issuance of 1099 tax forms. If the social security number is not provided, the easement application cannot be completed.

I, the landowner, certify that the answers to the questions on pages 2 and 3 of this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if an existing Conservation Reserve Program contract encumbers some or all the acres in this application, I will comply with all CRP provisions until contract expiration. I understand that the state cannot enter into a conservation easement on any land containing contaminants, pollutants, or hazardous substances. Further I understand that state law requires that all environmental problems located on the parcel to be enrolled must be properly cleaned up and any abandoned wells must be sealed at my expense before any conservation easements can be secured. Further I have read and understand the Tennessee warning notice.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Landowner Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
SWCD Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Conservation easement application - part II  
landowner questionnaire**

**YES NO**

1. Have you or a parent or other blood relative owned this land for at least one year before the date of application? (MN Statute 103F.515 Subd.2(c))
2. Is the landowner prohibited from owning agricultural land under MN Statute 500.24? (Certain entities must be certified by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture before owning an interest in agricultural land.)
3. 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:*

If the property is currently enrolled in CRP:

Contract Number(s):

Expiration Date(s):

4. Have you received a notice of violation or been considered out of compliance with any local, State, or Federal regulations? (*These regulations include DNR Shoreland Rules part 6120.3300, MN Wetland Conservation Act, USDA Swampbuster/Sodbuster, and MN 103E Ditch buffers, and 103F Buffer Law*)

If yes, has the non-compliance/violation been resolved?    Y    N

(Documentation may be required to determine program eligibility)

5. For acres compensated at a "land with crop history" payment rate, has the land been in agricultural crop production, or has it been enrolled at a cropland rate in a federal or state conservation program for two of the past five years?    Not applicable.
6. Are you aware of any wells within the planned easement area? *If yes, are they:*  
**active                      inactive-not sealed                      inactive-sealed**  
Inactive wells located within the easement area must be sealed prior to easement recording.
7. To the best of your knowledge, has the parcel been used as a storage or disposal area for hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants, including agricultural chemicals or fertilizer, or been used as a private or public dumpsite? *If yes, describe:*
8. Are there abandoned vehicles, junkpiles or other dumpsite materials within the proposed easement boundary? *If yes, describe:*

9. To the best of your knowledge are there any of the following utility or other easements located within the proposed easement area? *If yes, please check all that apply.*

Electrical

Manure

Wind

Ingress/egress

Pipeline

Other:

Fiber optic/cable

Solar

YES NO

10. To the best of your knowledge, is any part of the proposed easement area within a platted subdivision registered at the County Recorder's office? *If yes, plat map should be submitted with application.*
  
11. To the best of your knowledge, are there any of the following recorded at the courthouse? *Check all that apply and explain:*
  - Mortgages      Lender name:
  - Liens
  - Assessments
  - Judgments
  
12. Does the proposed easement area lie directly adjacent to a public road right-of-way? *If no, identify proposed access route location on a map. If access runs across a neighboring property, provide a copy of the ingress/egress easement.*
  
13. Is the parcel currently part of a DNR registered Forest Stewardship Plan, or will a Plan be developed soon? If a Plan exists, submit a copy with the application.
  
14. Is the parcel currently enrolled in a property tax program such as Green Acres, Sustainable Forest Incentive Act (SFIA), Metro Agricultural Preserve, and/or Class 2c Managed Forest Land? *If yes, please specify:*
  
15. If offered in your county, are you interested in enrolling land in the [Walk-In Access Program](#)? This is a **separate optional** DNR program. If interested, ask your SWCD office for more information.

#### Easement Type Reference List:

- ACUB (OHF)
- ACUB (Federal)
- Critical Shorelands\*
- Flowage Easement
- Kettle and Snake River Watershed Riparian Habitat Protection\*
- Lower Otter Tail River Corridor Habitat Restoration
- Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor\*
- Pine and Leech Watershed Shoreland Protection\*
- Protecting North Central Lakes: Crow Wing & Aitkin\*
- Red River Basin Riparian Habitat Restoration
- RIM Drinking Water (Limited **OR** Perpetual)
- RIM Integrating Clean Water and Habitat (1W1P)\*\*
- RIM Grasslands Reserve
- RIM Grazing\*
- RIM Reforestation\*
- RIM Riparian and Floodplain Restoration (Limited **OR** Perpetual)
- RIM Riparian and Floodplain Restoration: Working Lands (Limited **OR** Perpetual)
- RIM Wetlands
- Wild Rice Shoreland Protection\*
- Wild Rice River Corridor

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