



2020 Wetland Banking Program

Participation Opportunities for Landowners and Account Holders

The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) is seeking to develop or acquire wetland credits for public transportation projects. Opportunities are available for persons or entities interested in restoring wetlands to generate wetland credits and for current wetland bank account holders interested in selling deposited credits.

BWSR is in need of credits for the Local Government Road Wetland Replacement Program (LGRWRP) and credit generation and acquisition for the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT). In calendar year 2020, BWSR is issuing three separate requests for proposal (RFP) for the following participation options:

- Credit development through completion of a wetland restoration project by a third party
- Credit development through completion of a wetland restoration project using a partnership with BWSR
- Direct purchase of deposited wetland credits from wetland bank account holders



Concurrent with these RFPs BWSR will also have a wetland banking easement sign-up period for landowners interested in receiving payment for a conservation easement while the restoration activities are completed by BWSR.

BWSR is seeking to develop and/or acquire credits in specific watersheds across the State (also referred to as wetland bank service areas, or BSAs) under each program and not every option is available in every BSA. A summary of the options available for each program and the corresponding geographic areas is provided in Figure 1. A map of the bank service areas in Minnesota is provided in Figure 2.

More detailed information about each RFP and the easement sign up period along with application materials can be found on the BWSR website by selecting the Local Government Road Wetland Replacement Program from the selections under "Wetlands."

Applications for any of the participation mechanisms are due at 2:30pm on May 21, 2020 by U.S. Mail or courier in the BWSR St. Paul Office. Questions can also be directed to the BWSR staff identified below.

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Figure 1
Summary of 2020 Wetland Banking Program Project Solicitation and Wetland Credit Purchase Opportunities

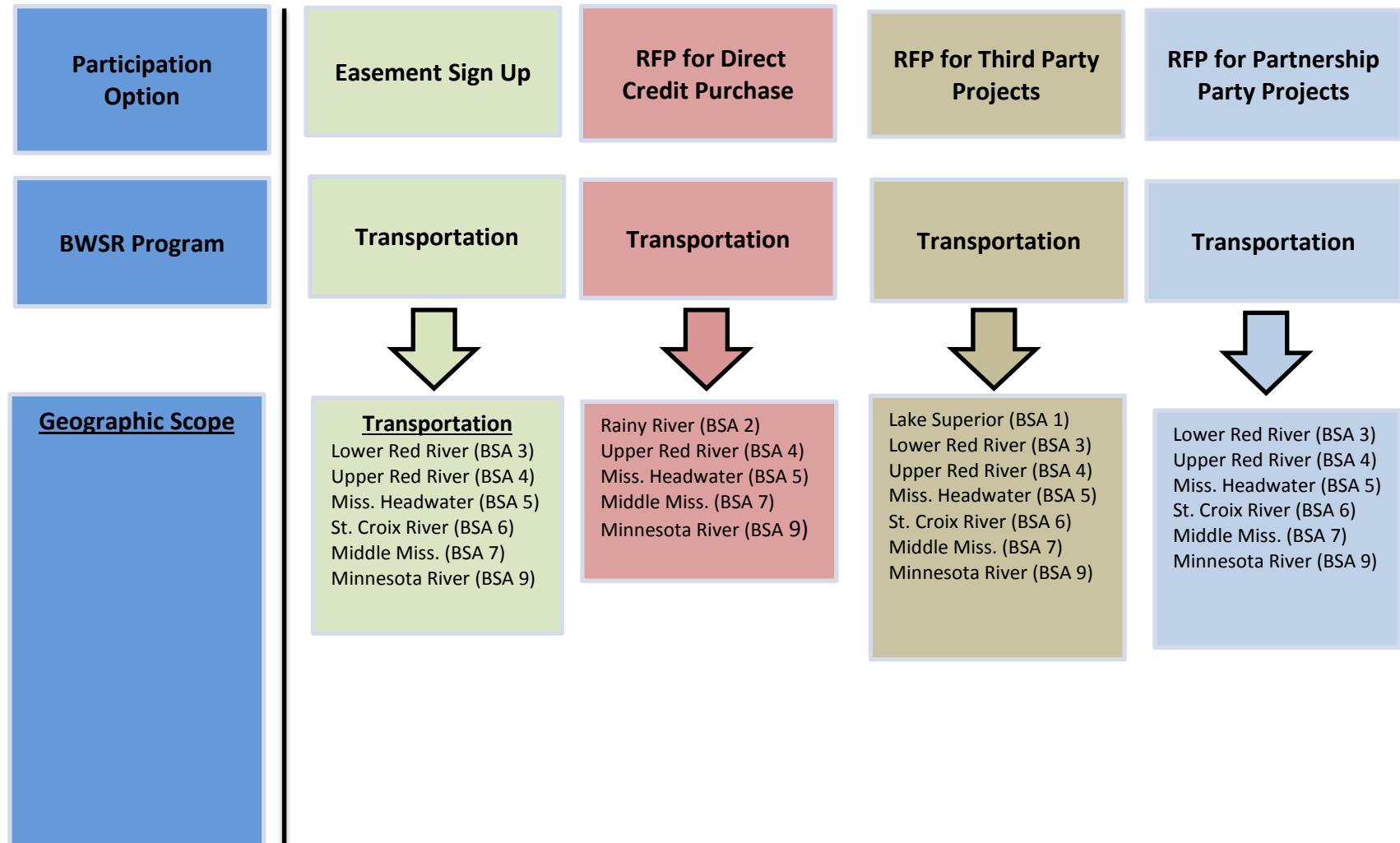


Figure 2
Minnesota Wetland Bank Service Areas

