

Wetland Banking Program Opportunities

Bank Sponsors and Landowners

The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) is soliciting proposals to develop or purchase wetland credits in support of the Local Government Road Wetland Replacement Program (LGRWRP). These opportunities are open to individuals and entities interested in restoring wetlands or selling existing credits.

BWSR has issued a Requests for Proposal (RFPs) and announced an easement sign-up period, offering multiple pathways for participation:

1. **Third-Party Projects:** Independent restoration projects where wetland credits are developed by a third party and sold to BWSR.
2. **Partnership Projects:** Collaborative restoration efforts in which BWSR and a partner jointly develop wetland credits, with credit distribution governed by a formal partnership agreement.
3. **Direct Credit Purchase:** Acquisition of wetland credits already approved under the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 program and deposited in the wetland banking system.
4. **Easement Sign-Up:** Restoration projects in which BWSR acquires a perpetual conservation easement from a landowner and assumes full responsibility for credit development.

BWSR is targeting credit development and acquisition in specific Wetland Bank Service Areas (BSAs) across the state. Refer to **Figure 1** for maps of the targeted BSAs.

For detailed program information, RFP documents, and application materials, visit:
<https://bwsr.state.mn.us/local-government-road-wetland-replacement-program>

Questions may be directed to the BWSR staff listed in the program materials.

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Figure 1.

