

# Wetland Programs Guide for Conservation Planners

Program/practices listed below depend on site suitability and/or landowner preference:

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## Part 1. Eligibility and Requirements

PROGRAM OR PRACTICE	WRP	CRP-SAFE CP38B Shallow Water Area	CRP-SAFE CP38B Wetland Restoration	CRP-SAFE CP38B Wetland Restoration Non-Floodplain	CRP-SAFE CP38C Bottomland Hardwood Restoration	CRP CP9 Shallow Water Area	CRP CP23 Wetland Restoration	CRP CP23A Wetland Restoration Non-Floodplain	CRP CP31 Bottomland Hardwood Restoration
Site Location	Floodplain or Non-floodplain	Floodplain or non-floodplain	Within the 100-year floodplain	Outside the 100-year floodplain	Within the 100-year floodplain in 18 west TN counties	Floodplain or non-floodplain	Within the 100-year floodplain	Outside of the 100-year floodplain	Within the 100-year floodplain
Soils	Suitable hydric or potential "problem soils" that support hydrophytic vegetation	Suitable hydric or non-hydric	Must include a minimum of 51% hydric soils on non-buffer acreage	Restorable area must consist entirely of hydric soils, at least 10 acres in size	Suitable hydric or non-hydric	Suitable hydric or non-hydric	Must include a minimum of 51% hydric soils on non-buffer acreage	Restorable area must consist entirely of hydric soils, at least 10 acres in size	Suitable hydric or non-hydric
Size Limit	None	Maximum 10 acres including buffer	None	Minimum 10 acres; no maximum	None	Maximum 10 acres including buffer	None	Minimum 10 acres; no maximum	None
Buffer Limits	NA	Between 20' and 120' wide	Shall not exceed 3:1 wetland:buffer ratio	Shall not exceed 4:1 wetland:buffer ratio	NA	Between 20' and 120' wide	Shall not exceed 3:1 wetland:buffer ratio	Shall not exceed 4:1 wetland:buffer ratio	NA
Water Control Structures	Need based on level of hydrology restoration. Typically associated with ditch plugs.	Only if needed to regulate flow to install an effective practice	Only if needed to regulate flow to install an effective practice	Only if needed to regulate flow to install an effective practice.	NA	Only if needed to regulate flow to install an effective practice	Only if needed to regulate flow to install an effective practice	Only if needed to regulate flow to install an effective practice	NA
Water Depth	Level of restoration determined by NRCS in consultation with producer	Average of 6" to 18"	Level of restoration determined by producer in consultation with NRCS or TSP	Level of restoration determined by producer in consultation with NRCS or TSP	NA	Average of 6" to 18"	Level of restoration determined by producer in consultation with NRCS or TSP	Level of restoration determined by producer in consultation with NRCS or TSP	NA
Earthmoving	Authorized as necessary to construct dams, levees, dugouts or dikes, if needed to develop or restore the shallow water areas	Authorized as necessary to construct dams, levees, dugouts or dikes, if needed to develop or restore the shallow water areas	Authorized as necessary to construct dams, levees, dugouts or dikes, if needed to develop or restore the hydrology of the site	Authorized as necessary to construct dams, levees, dugouts or dikes, if needed to develop or restore the hydrology of the site	NA	Authorized as necessary to construct dams, levees, dugouts or dikes, if needed to develop or restore the shallow water areas	Authorized as necessary to construct dams, levees, dugouts or dikes, if needed to develop or restore the hydrology of the site	Authorized as necessary to construct dams, levees, dugouts or dikes, if needed to develop or restore the hydrology of the site	NA
Contract Length	10 years, 30 years or permanent	10-15 years	10 -15 years	10 -15 years	15 years only	10 years	10 - 15 years	10 - 15 years	10-15 years
Cost Share and Payments	NRCS will cost share 75% of the restoration on a 10 year agreement or 30 year easement and 100% of the restoration costs of a permanent easement. Lump sum or limited annual payments for easements based on County Geographic Rate Cap.	\$100 per acre Signing Incentive Payment in addition to 40% Practice Incentive Payment, 50% Cost Share in addition to an annual soil rental payment based on predominant soil types.	\$100 per acre Signing Incentive Payment in addition to 40% Practice Incentive Payment, 50% Cost Share in addition to an annual soil rental payment based on predominant soil types.	\$100 per acre Signing Incentive Payment in addition to 40% Practice Incentive Payment, 50% Cost Share in addition to an annual soil rental payment based on predominant soil types.	\$100 per acre Signing Incentive Payment in addition to 40% Practice Incentive Payment, 50% Cost Share in addition to an annual soil rental payment based on predominant soil types.	40% Practice Incentive Payment, 50% Cost Share in addition to an annual soil rental payment based on predominant soil types.	\$100 per acre Signing Incentive Payment in addition to 40% Practice Incentive Payment, 50% Cost Share in addition to an annual soil rental payment based on predominant soil and an extra 20% added to this annual soil rental payment. 25% hydrology restoration incentive.	\$100 per acre Signing Incentive Payment in addition to 40% Practice Incentive Payment, 50% Cost Share in addition to an annual soil rental payment based on predominant soil and an extra 20% added to this annual soil rental payment. 25% hydrology restoration incentive.	\$100 per acre Signing Incentive Payment, 40% Practice Incentive Payment, 50% Cost Share in addition to an annual soil rental payment based on predominant soil and an extra 20% added to this annual soil rental payment.

**Part 2. Required Cover Types and Management Practices**

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COVER TYPES AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES	WRP	CRP-SAFE Shallow Water Area	CRP-SAFE Wetland Restoration	CRP-SAFE Wetland Restoration Non-floodplain	CRP-SAFE Bottomland Hardwood Restoration	CRP CP9 Shallow Water Area	CRP CP23 Wetland Restoration	CRP CP23A Wetland Restoration Non-Floodplain	CRP CP31 Bottomland Hardwood Restoration
Water	Naturally Occurring as determined by hydrology with some shallow water area creation possible	Seasonally impounded by constructed dams, levees, dugouts or dikes, minimum of Oct. 1 - Apr. 1 annually	Naturally occurring as determined by hydrology restoration	Naturally occurring as determined by hydrology restoration	NA	Seasonally impounded by construction of dams, levees, or dugouts. Minimum of Oct. 1 to Apr 1 annually	Naturally occurring as determined by hydrology restoration	Naturally occurring as determined by hydrology restoration	NA
Annual Food Plot Plantings for Wildlife	Up to 5% of the easement area. Restricted to non-forested portion	No more than 50% of impoundment area may be disked or planted more frequently than once every two years.	Not authorized	Not authorized	Not authorized	No more than 25% of impoundment area may be disked or planted more frequently than once every four years.	Not authorized	Not authorized	Not authorized
Buffer Vegetation	Approved native grass-forb mixtures or hardwood restoration	Approved native grass-forb mixtures only.	Approved native-grass forb mixtures or hardwood restoration	Approved native grass-forb mixtures or hardwood restoration	NA	Approved wildlife mixtures only.	Approved cool season, native grass-forb mixtures or hardwood restoration	Approved cool season, native grass-forb mixtures or hardwood restoration	NA
Tree Planting	At least 70% of the easement area must be forested.	None	Required if producer elects to restore woodland ecosystem	Required if producer elects to restore woodland ecosystem	Requires a minimum of 4 species to be planted of which 2 must be hard mast producing	None	Required if producer elects to restore woodland ecosystem	Required if producer elects to restore woodland ecosystem	Requires a minimum of 3 species to be planted of which 1 must be hard mast producing
Water Management	No specific requirement. May be determined within compatible use authorization.	All installed water control structures shall be closed a minimum of between Oct.1 - Apr. 1 annually.	Management needed to maintain restoration determined by producer in consultation with NRCS or TSP.	Management needed to maintain restoration determined by producer in consultation with NRCS or TSP.	N/A	All installed water control structures shall be closed a minimum of between Oct.1 - Apr. 1 annually.	Management needed to maintain restoration determined by producer in consultation with NRCS or TSP.	Management needed to maintain restoration determined by producer in consultation with NRCS or TSP.	N/A
Buffer Maintenance	No specific requirement. May be determined within Compatible Use Authorization.	Maintenance of native grass buffer may include mowing, burning, or herbiciding. Primary nesting season protected.	Maintenance of native grass buffer based on contract and may include mowing, burning, or herbiciding. Primary nesting season protected.	Maintenance of native grass buffer based on contract and may include mowing, burning, or herbiciding. Primary nesting season protected.	NA	Maintenance of native grass buffer based on contract and may include mowing, burning, or herbiciding. Primary nesting season protected.	Maintenance of grass buffer based on contract and may include mowing, burning, or herbiciding. Primary nesting season protected.	Maintenance of grass buffer based on contract and may include mowing, burning, or herbiciding. Primary nesting season protected.	NA
Mid-contract Management Practices	NA	Required for upland grass plantings (prescribed burning or strip disking or strip herbiciding; optional legume interseeding). Required years 4-6; slow drawdown 4/1-5/15	Required for upland grass plantings (prescribed burning or strip herbiciding; optional legume interseeding).	Required for upland grass plantings (prescribed burning or strip disking or strip herbiciding; optional legume interseeding).	None	Required for upland grass plantings (prescribed burning or strip disking or strip herbiciding; optional legume interseeding).	Required for upland grass plantings (prescribed burning or strip disking or strip herbiciding optional legume interseeding).	Required for upland grass plantings (prescribed burning or strip disking or strip herbiciding optional legume interseeding).	None