

# REINVEST IN MINNESOTA/WETLAND RESERVE PROGRAM

## RIM/WRP

(FS-RW)

### What is the Reinvest In Minnesota/Wetland Reserve Program (RIM/WRP)?

The Reinvest in Minnesota/Wetland Reserve Program (RIM/WRP) is a voluntary easement program targeted to restore previously drained wetlands. This program combines the state's Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Reserve conservation easement program with the USDA Wetland Reserve Program (WRP). Combining these two easement programs allows state funds to leverage federal funds for conservation that are available through the recently enacted 2008 Federal Farm Bill. The goals of RIM/WRP are to enhance wildlife habitat, improve water quality and reduce potential flood damage in targeted areas.

### Who is eligible for RIM/WRP?

Eligibility for RIM/WRP is statewide, but priority is given to the prairie pothole region of Minnesota. In addition, some state funds are targeted to specific areas where wetland restorations will provide much-needed flood damage reduction and other benefits. There is no minimum acreage requirements for a RIM/WRP application, however higher ranking and potential to get funded is rewarded to acreages with more potential for wetland restoration.

### How can I apply for RIM/WRP?

Applications are taken year-round for RIM/WRP. Scoring and ranking periods of those applications may only be done once or twice a year as funding permits. New scoring and ranking periods are always in the works so check with our office frequently or ask to be added to our RIM/WRP mailing list.

### What does a RIM/WRP easement consist of?

The RIM/WRP agreement consists of two separate easements. First, the federal WRP easement is in effect from the day you close on the easement for 30 years. After that 30 year period the state's RIM easement takes over for perpetuity. Here are some of the major points to consider when deciding if a RIM/WRP easement is right for you and your land:

- 1) Easement acres remain private land. (NOT open for public access or hunting)
- 2) Easement acres can no longer be cropped or farmed.
- 3) Easement acres can be divided and/or sold. (easement is forever tied to the land)
- 4) The "current" value of easement acres for tax purposes is \$1,000.
- 5) Easement acres cannot be developed, nor can any permanent structures/houses be built upon it. Future building sites need to be excluded from easement acres.
- 6) Easement acres cannot be hayed or grazed.
- 7) Limited vehicle use is permitted on easement acres.
- 8) ALL easement acres must be protected by a permanent cover of vegetation or water.
- 9) 100% of design work, restoration costs and seeding is paid for by the USDA.



### QUESTIONS?

**CONTACT YOUR LOCAL USDA SERVICE CENTER TODAY!**  
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**2012 Phase IV RIM/WRP  
Conservation Easement Payment Rates  
11/1/2011**

# **RIM/WRP**

City or Township	Cropland	Non-Cropland
	125% 2012 AATV	70% 2012 AATV
Cleveland City	\$6,038.84	\$3,381.75
Cleveland Twp.	\$5,862.50	\$3,283.00
Cordova Twp.	\$5,708.75	\$3,196.90
Derrynane Twp.	\$6,286.25	\$3,520.30
Elysian City	\$6,038.84	\$3,381.75
Elysian Twp.	\$5,905.00	\$3,306.80
Heidelberg City	\$6,038.84	\$3,381.75
Kasota City	\$5,000.00	\$2,800.00
Kasota Twp.	\$5,846.25	\$3,273.90
Kilkenny Twp.	\$5,832.50	\$3,266.20
Lanesburgh Twp.	\$6,932.50	\$3,882.20
Le Center City	\$6,038.84	\$3,381.75
Le Sueur City	\$6,038.84	\$3,381.75
Lexington Twp.	\$5,660.00	\$3,169.60
Montgomery City	\$6,038.84	\$3,381.75
Montgomery Twp.	\$6,432.50	\$3,602.20
New Prague City	\$6,038.84	\$3,381.75
Ottawa Twp.	\$6,157.50	\$3,448.20
Sharon Twp.	\$5,823.75	\$3,267.30
Tyrone Twp.	\$6,307.50	\$3,532.20
Washington Twp.	\$5,852.50	\$3,277.40
Waterville City	\$6,038.84	\$3,381.75
Waterville Twp.	\$5,936.25	\$3,324.30



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