



Natural Resources Conservation Service
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SUBJECT: LTP - Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) Preliminary Plan Development

Purpose: To provide clarification and request information on WRP preliminary plan development for the obligation of funds.

Expiration Date: September 30, 2007

In regard to the Wetlands Reserve Program, there has been a significant amount of oversight of WRP the past several months, including the area of financial management and the use of funds. Of particular concern is the need to obligate restoration dollars for Fiscal Year 2007 WRP contracts. This bulletin identifies the process to be used for the obligation of restoration funds. This process should be used on all 2007 funded WRP contracts in which an appraisal has been ordered. In addition this information is required for those prior year contracts that have not yet been recorded. Attachment 1 identifies those contracts that are funded but not recorded and plans are needed on them.

A preliminary restoration plan is required as a part of the WRP application process. This plan should include anticipated restoration practices, with units of measurement, dollar amounts per unit, and anticipated year that the work will be completed. The preliminary plan needs to be signed by the landowner and District Conservationist (or designated NRCS representative) and sent to the WRP Coordinator. Attachment 2 is an example of a preliminary restoration plan that can be modified and used as needed. Personnel are reminded that the per acre cap for WRP is \$750 per acre.

This material is required to obligate restoration dollars for the 2007 and to address obligation requirements for prior year contracts. **The signed restoration plan(s) need to be submitted to Gerald Roach, WRP Coordinator by July 25, 2007.**

If you have questions concerning these matters or WRP please contact, Harold Thompson, ASTC (Programs) at (317) 290-3200, Ext. 320 or Gerald Roach at (812) 752-2269, Ext. 3.

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Attachments

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