

## LEARN ABOUT WRE

Read the **Understanding Wetland**

**Reserve Easements** brochure

<https://www.lmvjv.org/s/Understanding-WRE-LA.pdf>



**Is Your Ag Land Frequently Wet And  
Marginally Productive?**

# **WETLAND RESERVE EASEMENTS (WRE)** **May Be Right For You!**

**NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS  
IN LOUISIANA**

**TO APPLY**

**WHERE  
TO APPLY**

Submit your application to your  
local NRCS Service Center

**WHEN  
TO APPLY**

Apply by Sept. 30, 2024 to be  
considered for funding in 2025\*

\*NOTE: Applications submitted after September 30, 2024 will  
be accepted and considered in the next funding period

**NRCS LOCAL  
SERVICE CENTERS**



FIND YOUR LOCAL NRCS  
SERVICE CENTER

[https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/  
contact/find-a-service-center](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/contact/find-a-service-center)



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# BENEFITS OF WRE

- Get up to \$3,220/acre (payment rates vary by zone and land use and are in review for 2025 rate adjustments).
- Reduce risk of farming flood-prone land.
- Develop highly productive wildlife habitat.
- Keep ownership of your property. Retain access control, hunting and fishing rights, and the ability to sell the property.
- Have little or no out-of-pocket cost for habitat restoration, such as tree planting and wetland development.
- Enjoy improved opportunities to observe wildlife as well as increase hunting opportunities for waterfowl, deer, and other wildlife.
- Create potential income from leased hunting.
- Make great memories with family and friends.
- Leave a lasting legacy for your children and grandchildren.
- Contribute to wildlife and ecosystem health regionally.

# ELIGIBLE LAND TYPES

Ranking and enrollment priority is given to applications that include:

- **Farmed wetlands**
- **Prior converted cropland, pasture, or hayland**

Other eligible lands may include:

- **Former or degraded wetlands**
- **Riparian (stream-side) areas**
- **Some CRP lands**

# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Applications will be considered for all eligible funding opportunities.

## GENERAL WRE

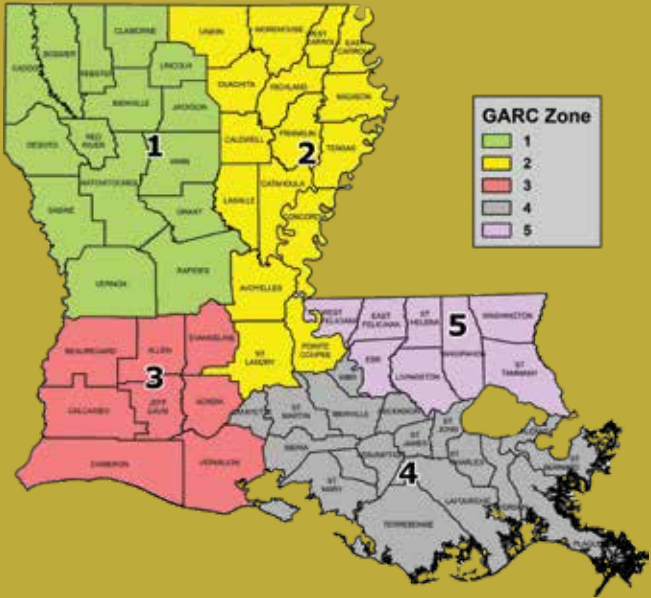
Available statewide

## TRI-STATE WREP

For Delta parishes (Zone 2), includes funding for underserved landowners

## MS RIVER WREP

For lands east of the mainline MS River levee



# WRE ZONES

Louisiana Area	Agricultural Land	Other Land
Zone 1	\$2,940	\$2,050
Zone 2	\$3,045	\$2,000
Zone 3	\$3,220	\$2,100
Zone 4	\$2,660	\$1,750
Zone 5	\$4,340	\$3,250

2024 rates listed above.  
(Rate adjustments for 2025 in review.)



“If you are interested in creating wildlife habitat this is a way to do it. It’s a way to create a conservation habitat without having to bear all the expense yourself; you have a lot of professional resources to get it done. It’s a great alternative to marginal agricultural land or something that’s already too wet to farm.

Bob Bush  
WRE Owner in the Miss. Alluvial Valley

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