

APPLYING FOR WETLAND RESERVE EASEMENTS

WRE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR LOUISIANA

ELIGIBLE LAND TYPES

Ranking and enrollment priority is given to applications that include:

- Farmed Wetlands or Prior Converted Cropland, Pasture, or Hayland

Other eligible lands may include:

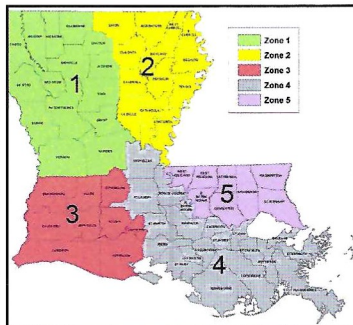
- Former or Degraded Wetlands
- Riparian (stream-side) areas
- Some CRP lands

Watch a video
on how to get
started with
NRCS!

EASEMENT OPTIONS

- Permanent easement: 100% of payment rate and 100% of restoration costs provided
- 30-year easement: 75% of payment rate, 75% of restoration costs provided with 25% match provided by Landowner

Louisiana Area	Agricultural Land	Other Land
Zone 1	\$2,590	\$1,700
Zone 2	\$2,605	\$1,475
Zone 3	\$2,200	\$1,480
Zone 4	\$3,320	\$1,965
Zone 5	\$3,950	\$3,420
2020 maximum rates listed above. *In review for 2021 rate adjustments		



HOW TO APPLY FOR WRE

- Applications to WRE may be submitted at your local NRCS Service Center at any time.

Find it here: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/la/contact/local/>

- Landowners are encouraged to apply by September 25, 2020 for funding consideration in 2021.
- Applications submitted after September 25, 2020 will be accepted and considered in the next funding period.

Watch a video to get started: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ChB4sp2Bq00>



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"Some of our land was too flood-prone for agriculture. That's why we had to quit farming it. We are very happy with the wildlife response on our Wetland Reserve acreage. I can promise you if we hadn't enrolled, the wildlife wouldn't be there."

Drew Wiggers, owner of WRE acreage in LA