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WETLAND RESERVE EASEMENTS (WRE)
ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS In LOUISIANA

"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'll 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, owner of WRE acreage in the Mississippi Alluvial Valley

With the Wetland Reserve Easement (WRE) program, you can:

- Receive up to $3,950/acre for enrolling in WRE (payment rates vary by zone & land use, and are in review for 2021 rate adjustments).
- Reduce risk of farming flood-prone land.
- Develop highly productive wildlife habitat.
- Retain ownership of your property, as well as access control, hunting and fishing rights, and the ability to sell the property.
- Incur 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.

Understanding NRCS Wetland Reserve Easements

Find it here: **https://www.lmvjv.org/s/Understanding-WRE-LA.pdf**

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