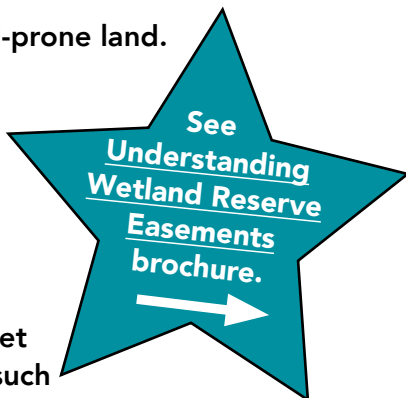


# WETLAND RESERVE EASEMENTS (WRE) ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS IN LOUISIANA

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

- Receive up to \$3,550/acre for enrolling in WRE (payment rates vary by zone and land use and are in review for 2022 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.



FIND IT HERE: Local Service Centers- <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/la/contact/local/> Understanding WRE brochure- <https://www.lmvjv.org/s/Understanding-WRE-LA.pdf>

## WRE 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

## Funding Opportunities

- **General WRE** - statewide
- **Tri-state WREP** - MS Delta parishes, including funding for underserved landowners
- **MS River WREP** - lands east of the mainline MS River levee

Applications will be considered for all eligible funding opportunities.

## How to Apply for WRE

- Applications for WRE may be submitted at your **local NRCS Service Center** at any time.
- Landowners are encouraged to apply by **September 24, 2021** for funding consideration in 2022.
- Applications submitted after **September 24, 2021** will be accepted and considered in the next funding period.

Louisiana Area	Agricultural Land	Other Land
Zone 1	\$2,630	\$1,670
Zone 2	\$2,655	\$1,480
Zone 3	\$2,250	\$1,490
Zone 4	\$3,325	\$1,950
Zone 5	\$3,550	\$2,760

2021 rates listed above.  
(Rate adjustments for 2022 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