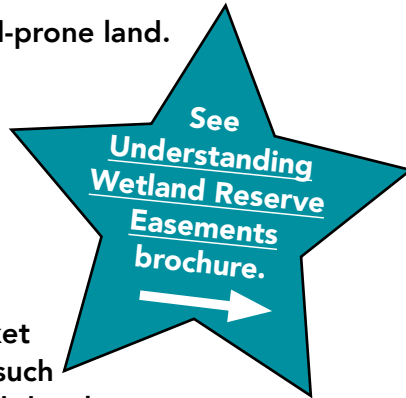


# WETLAND RESERVE EASEMENTS (WRE) ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS IN MISSISSIPPI

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

- Receive up to \$3,100/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/ms/contact/local/> Understanding WRE brochure- <https://www.lmvjv.org/s/Understanding-WRE-MS.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** - Delta counties, including funding for underserved landowners
- **MS River WREP** - lands west of the mainline MS River levee

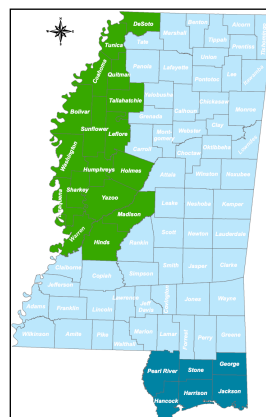
Applications will be considered for all eligible funding opportunities.

### 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 **October 29, 2021** for funding consideration in 2022.
- Applications submitted after **October 29, 2021** will be accepted and considered in the next funding period.

Land type	Delta	Rest of State	Coastal
Cropland	\$3,100	\$2,050	Appraisals for all landcover types.
Aqua-culture	\$2,450	\$2,450	
Pasture land	\$2,350	\$2,050	
CRP	\$1,750	\$1,700	
Woodland/ Other	\$2,100	\$1,700	

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