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Bee, Butterfly, and Moth Factoids



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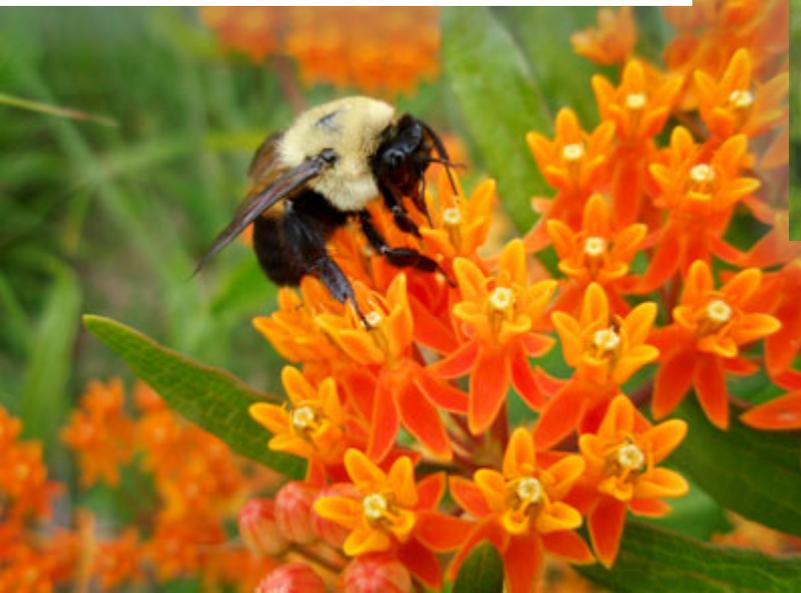
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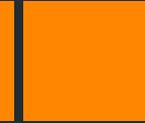
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Outline

- Conservation Plan Preparation
- Voucher Preparation
- PIRFs vs. Revision Requests
- Violations & Veg Guidelines



Rusty-patched Bumble Bee

Outline

- Conservation Plan Preparation
 - Benefits of cons plan development
 - Components and when to submit docs
 - General rules/tips
 - Making RIM-WRP plans mesh
 - FAQs
 - Conservation Plan example

Why is RIM's Conservation Plan & Voucher System the Way It Is?

- Considerations
 - Accountability
 - Accounting
 - Accuracy of vegetation type, boundaries
 - Efficiency
- Comments on our process?

Benefits of Conservation Plan Development Process



Leafcutter Bee

- Starts the conversation between landowner and SWCD rep on desired goals.
- Identification of onsite or adjacent resources
- Identification of areas that can be improved (planting native vegetation or wetland restoration)
- Confirms plan for site
 - Estimates timeline for completion of restoration activities
 - Documents landowner confirmation of their responsibilities

Conservation Plans

- Documents that make up the Conservation Plan
 - **Conservation Plan signature page (COPY to BWSR)**
 - **Conservation Practice Plan**
 - **Conservation Easement Practice Payment Worksheet (CEPPW)**
 - **Conservation Plan Map**
 - Construction Plans (if necessary)
 - Seeding/Planting Plans (if necessary)
 - Operation and Maintenance Requirements
 - Supplementary Information (as needed)
- ❖ **Documents in yellow need to be sent to BWSR**

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**CONSERVATION PLAN
FOR STATE OF MINNESOTA
CONSERVATION EASEMENTS**

Conservation Easement I.D.:	SWCD/County:	Easement Acres:	
Principal Land Owner Name:	Easement Duration: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Perpetual <input type="checkbox"/> Limited (exp. date:)		
Address:	City:	State:	Zip Code:

This Conservation Plan is part of the Conservation Easement which is recorded on the land title. Any willful action not in compliance with this Conservation Plan is a direct violation of the Conservation Easement which is enforceable by State Law.

The Grantors, all successors, assigns, and heirs, as identified in the Conservation Easement and herein collectively referred to as "Landowners", are required to establish and maintain the conservation practices described in this Conservation Plan for the duration of the Conservation Easement. The Landowners shall establish all conservation practices described in this Conservation Plan in accordance with the easement program Conservation Practice Specifications and within the schedule provided in the attached Conservation Practice Plan.

The Landowners shall appoint a "Principal Landowner" to serve as the primary contact for implementing and distributing information pertaining to the conservation practices identified in this Conservation Plan.

The local soil and water conservation district (SWCD) will provide the Principal Landowner with the following information which is considered as "attachments" to this Conservation Plan.

- A) Conservation Practice Plan
- B) Conservation Plan Map
- C) Construction Plans (if necessary)
- D) Seeding/Planting Plans (if necessary)
- E) Operation and Maintenance Requirements
- F) Supplementary Information (as needed)

The State will reimburse the landowner for the establishment of the conservation practices identified in the Conservation Plan documents up to the payment limits provided in Minnesota Statutes section 103F.515. A State Cost-Share Voucher certifying completion of the practice establishment is required from the SWCD before any eligible cost-share payments can be made by the State. No payments for establishing conservation practices will be made until the Conservation Easement is recorded and accepted by the state.

I hereby agree to and acknowledge my obligations associated with this Conservation Plan.

(Principal Landowner) (Date)

(Authorized SWCD Representative) (Date)

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CONSERVATION EASEMENT PRACTICE PAYMENT WORKSHEET (CEPPW)

Easement ID No.:		Landowner Name:	Prepared By:	Date Prepared:
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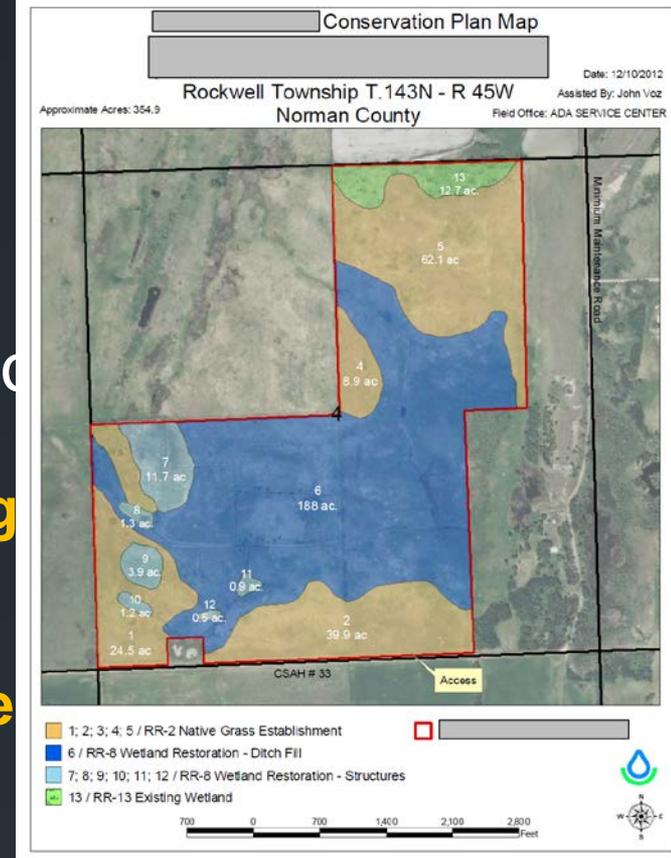
PRACTICE CODE & SUBCODE	PRACTICE AREA(s)	PRACTICE ACRES			PRACTICE DOLLARS	
		A	B	C = (A+B)	D	E = (CxD)
		Primary	Supporting	Total	Max. Allowed Per Acre ¹	Max. Available
RR-1 Introduced Grasses	a. To Be Established				\$150	
	b. Already Established					
RR-2 Native Grasses	a. To Be Established				\$300	
	b. Already Established					
RR-3 Trees/Shrubs	a. To Be Established				\$400	
	b. Already Established					
RR-4 Field Windbreak	a. To Be Established				\$400	
	b. Already Established					
RR-5 Diversion						
RR-6 Erosion Control Structure						
RR-7 Grass Waterway						
RR-8 Wetland Restoration					\$600	
RR-11 Highway Windbreak					\$400	
RR-12 Wetland Creation						
RR-13 Existing Wetland						
RR-14 Existing Watercourse/Ditch						
RR-FP Wildlife Food Plot						

= TOTAL EASEMENT ACRES

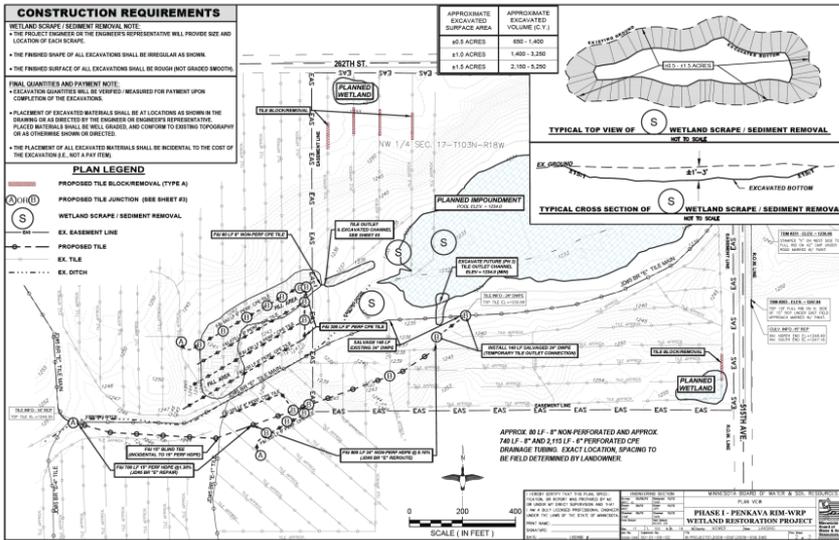
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Conservation Plans



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1	Seeding Mixture:												
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Worksheet (CEPPW)

Conservation Plan Map



Construction Plans (if necessary)

Seeding/Planting Plans (if necessary)

Operation and Maintenance Requirements

Supplementary Information (as needed)

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Conservation Plans

I OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN

Perpetual Conservation Easement Program

Landowner name: Arnette Sandbo-Hirman

Program: RIM 42.4 acres Easement # 34-15-09-02

You, as Principal Landowner, are responsible for the care and maintenance of the permanently established structure(s) and/or components identified in the Conservation Plan as part of the Perpetual Conservation Easement.

CONSERVATION PRACTICE CODES AND DESCRIPTIONS

Initial date

<u>RR-2a</u>	<u>Native Grasses & Flowers to be Established</u>
<u>RR-8</u>	<u>Wetland Restoration</u>
<u>RR-WS</u>	<u>Wildlife Structures</u>

Although not all problems can be foreseen and some may not be controllable, the following are some guidelines to help insure the successful management of the practices. None of the following guidelines prohibit the landowner from low impact recreation activities. Recreational activities that do not degrade the quality of the vegetation nor harm the constructed areas are allowed at any time. The Technical Agency referred to in the following guidelines is the Kandiyohi County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD).

Operation and Maintenance – The landowner (sponsor) will, for the life of the easement:

RR-1, RR-2a, RR-5, RR-6, RR-7, RR-9: Maintain the practice to provide adequate erosion control and provide wildlife habitat. Control noxious weeds by spot mowing or other method approved by the Technical Agency. Not harvest for consumptive or non-consumptive use or allow grazing by animals in a controlled setting.

RR-3, RR-4, RR-10, RR-11: Maintain the practice to provide adequate erosion control and provide wildlife habitat. Control noxious weeds by spot mowing or other method approved by the Technical Agency. Not prune, shear, or harvest woody vegetation unless approved by the Technical Agency. A separate RR-10 Woodlot Management Plan is available from the Technical Agency and MN Department of Natural Resources and must be incorporated in the Conservation Plan.

RR-5, RR-6, RR-7, RR-8, RR-12, RR-13: Maintain the practice as designed by the Technical Agency and/or an assigned certified engineer (where applicable). Not allow woody vegetation to grow on constructed practices. Make periodic inspections for damage caused by vandalism, and any other activity caused by humans, animals, insects, or act of nature that may negatively impact the practice components.

RR-FP: Maintain this practice to provide food and cover for wildlife. Not harvest the food plot for any reason. Control noxious weeds. Re-establish the area, at landowner's expense, to a Technical Agency approved cover if the food plot area is discontinued for any reason. Size and location of the food plot shall be pre-approved by the Technical Agency.

RR-WS: Wildlife Structures. Placement and use of structures such as deer stands, waterfowl blinds, and/or wildlife observation. These structures shall be pre-approved by the Technical Agency. Landowner shall maintain these structures for safety reasons and assume all liability related to their design, placement, and use. Landowner must follow all State and Federal laws, rules, and regulations relating to structures used for hunting. The Technical Agency requires that the structures not exceed 40 square feet in size. In addition, no roof windows are allowed but sidewalls are acceptable. Total numbers of structures shall be approved by the Technical Agency. Wildlife Structures are allowed on any practice area.

In addition to the specific practice maintenance guidelines, the landowner shall:

Make periodic inspections of all practices and report all problems to the Technical Agency.

Allow Technical Agency personnel to make periodic inspections and shall follow recommendations if required.

Re-establish, at landowner/sponsor expense, any and all practices damaged or destroyed by fault of the landowner/operator.

Not allow cropping, haying, grazing, buildings, or any other activity that is not consistent to the intent of the conservation easement. If in question, consult with technical agency.

I, the landowner, will for the life of the Conservation Easement, care for and maintain to the best of my abilities as required. I am aware of each of the Conservation Practice areas identified in the Conservation Plan. I understand the maintenance guidelines as listed above.

Landowner (sponsor) _____ Date _____

I have discussed the above listed maintenance guidelines with the landowner (sponsor).

Authorized Technical Agency Representative _____ Date _____

Conservation

Page (COPY to

Price Payment

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- Seeding/Planting Plans (if necessary)
- ➔ Operation and Maintenance Requirements
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Conservation Plans

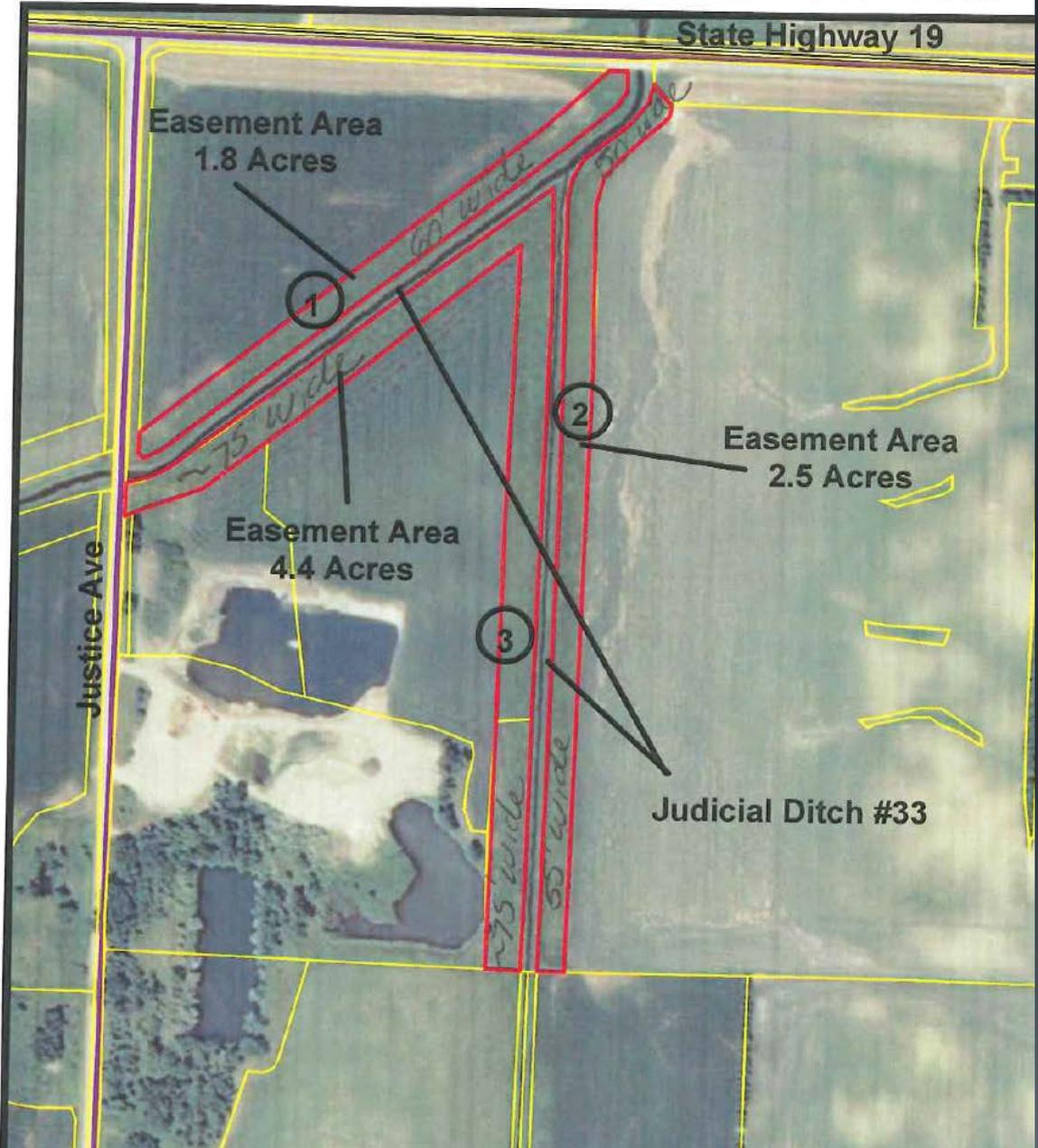
- When do I submit these documents?
 - With application
 - Conservation Easement Practice Payment Worksheet (CEPPW)
 - With title commitment
 - Conservation Practice Plan
 - Conservation Plan Map
 - After RIM easement is signed
 - Conservation Plan signature page (COPY to BWSR)
- Every easement needs a conservation plan created before the easement is signed



Mason Bee

Conservation Plans

- Look in the handbook for general topics
- General Rules
 - Similar Practice Areas (P.A.s) should not be adjacent (ex. no RR-2a next to RR-2a)
 - Practice areas cannot extend over a stream
 - 'Already Established' P.A.s, such as RR-1b, RR-2b, and RR-3b
 - match whatever vegetation is there at time of cons plan development



Conservation Plans



Bottle Gentian
& Bumblebee

- General Rules (cont.)
 - If there is any hydric soil on the easement area, it should be claimed as RR-8 (construction or vegetative work planned) or RR-13 (no construction or vegetative work planned)
 - RR-8 should have RR-2a supporting practice if vegetative work is planned
- We prefer the conservation plan map to be an aerial photo with practice areas digitized (through ArcMap)

Conservation Plans

- Making RIM & WRP plans match
 - Group NRCS practice areas together to make RIM practice areas
 - OR
 - We can be flexible on typical RIM cons plan rules (allow RR-8's to be split into two separate practice areas despite being adjacent).

WRP Plan



-  1 / 643 Native Grass Establishment
-  2; 3; 4; 5 / 657 Wetland Restoration - Embankment
-  6 657 Wetland Restoration - Crop Cessation
-  7; 8; 9 / 657 Wetland Restoration - Crop Cessation & Burn

RIM Plan



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Conservation Plans

- If you ever need to make a change to the conservation plan, please submit:
 - Revision Request if the change is being made before we get the first voucher in.
 - Practice Implementation Request Form (PIRF) if the change is being made after the first voucher comes in.

Why do we need to fill THAT out?

- Documentation for file
 - What is planned to occur on site
 - \$ amounts, \$ requests prior to payments
 - Track approval (landowner, SWCD, BWSR)
- Accounting
 - Set up vendor (payee) or ensure proper address

Conservation Plan FAQs

- Landowner has an old CREP area that was initially established as RR-1 (introduced grass planting). Now the site is nearly all trees. Should I update the plan to match the current vegetation?
 - No. We want to track what the site was originally established to. Natural succession will happen in those areas that are not as actively managed.
- Can BWSR pay for a prescribed burn or tree removal, when there is no seeding planned for that area?
 - Upland sites?
 - No
 - RR-8 sites?
 - Yes. Include as site prep on the RR-8 voucher when submitting for reimbursement for wetland construction costs.

Conservation Plan FAQs

- When can the landowner/contractor begin installation?
 - Work done BEFORE the RIM Agreement is signed by all parties CANNOT receive reimbursement.
 - Work done AFTER the RIM Agreement is signed by all parties CAN receive reimbursement. However, BWSR cannot reimburse until after the easement has been recorded.
- What are the food plot limitations with RIM?
 - Food plot maximum 10% of easement area, NTE 5 ac.
 - Placement should limit impacts to water resources
 - Conversion of food plot areas to permanent cover are the landowner's responsibility (no BWSR reimbursement)

Conservation Plan Example



- **Landowner name: Tommy Callahan**
- **Property owned: 76.0 Acres**
- **Property enrolling in RIM: 49.3 Acres**
- **Program applied for: RIM Riparian Buffer (CWF/OHF/Bonding)**
- **Most of site currently in CRP, but will expire in 2014. Landowner wants natives and SWCD determined stand is in poor condition and seeding is warranted.**
- **Your assignment?**
 - **Fill out the Practice Plan & CEPPW accordingly.**

Conservation Plans

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 - Fill out the Practice Plan & CEPPW accordingly.



Norman Schwarzkopf: I want Holyfield! I want Holyfield! I've shown you what these guns can do in the Middle East, now I'll show you what they can do in the ring. This summer, Atlantic City, the Taj Mahal. Holyfield vs. Schwarzkopf! It's the war on the shore!



Chris Farley: Remember when I was talking to you about the Terminator?

Paul McCartney: Yeah.

Chris Farley: You should see that movie. It's pretty awesome.

CONSERVATION EASEMENT PRACTICE PAYMENT WORKSHEET (CEPPW)

Easement ID No.:	Landowner Name:	Prepared By:	Date Prepared:
53-10-13-09	Tommy Callahan	DLR	October 15, 2013

PRACTICE CODE & SUBCODE		PRACTICE AREA(s)	PRACTICE ACRES			PRACTICE DOLLARS		
			A	B	C = (A+B)	D	E = (CxD)	
			Primary	Supporting	Total	Max. Allowed Per Acre ¹	Max. Available	
RR-1	Introduced Grasses	a. To Be Established				\$150		
		b. Already Established						
RR-2	Native Grasses	a. To Be Established	1,5	43.8	4.0	47.8	\$300	\$14,340
		b. Already Established	2,3	0.8		0.8		
RR-3	Tress/Shrubs	a. To Be Established				\$400		
		b. Already Established						
RR-4	Field Windbreak	a. To Be Established				\$400		
		b. Already Established						
RR-5	Diversion							
RR-6	Erosion Control Structure							
RR-7	Grass Waterway							
RR-8	Wetland Restoration		5	4.0		4.0	\$600	\$2,400
RR-11	Highway Windbreak					\$400		
RR-12	Wetland Creation							
RR-13	Existing Wetland		4	0.7		0.7		
RR-14	Existing Watercourse/Ditch							
RR-FP	Wildlife Food Plot							

49.3 = TOTAL EASEMENT ACRES

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Outline

- Voucher Preparation
- Example of Voucher Prep



Eastern Tiger Swallowtail

Voucher Preparation

(5/05)	
COST-SHARE VOUCHER & PRACTICE	
A. PAYEE INFORMATION	(Check if name and address change)
Name:	
Address:	
City, State, & Zip	

- Name & address should match Agreement
- If the L/O wants to add a co-payee, or there was an address change:
 - We will need a signed letter from L/O stating the requested change.
 - Landowner could add contractor, SWCD, or any other person/entity as copayee

Voucher Preparation



Dakota Skipper

B. PROJECT INFORMATION		
I.D. Number		
BWSR Program:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Easement	<input type="checkbox"/> Cost-Share	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Practice Type (one only)	Practice Area(s)	Acres Completed:

- Make sure the right easement number is entered
- Check Easement box only
- Practice Type: only one type (RR-8, RR-2, RR-3)
- Practice Areas: list all areas the work occurred on
- Acres Completed: if only a portion of those practice areas had work completed, then:
 - Use only those **acres impacted** if **supporting practice** (assumes this is a supporting RR2 supporting practice with an RR8 primary)
 - “xx.x of xx.x”

Voucher Preparation

C.	COST	Basis of Request		
	INFORMATION	Installation	Establishment	Reinstallation

- Installation:
 - Site prep up until seeding
 - Seed
 - Seeding
 - All wetland work
- Establishment:
 - Any establishment activity after installation (spot spraying, clippings)
 - **NOTE: we no longer require a PIRF for establishment activities after the original installation was completed. Establishment shall occur within a reasonable time frame (2 years max)**
- Reinstallation (PIRF always needed):
 - Typically only checked for seeding failure or structure failure
 - Also will be checked for updating vegetation on older easements

Voucher Preparation



Type of Request		Completion Date:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Partial	<input type="checkbox"/> Final		
QTY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	COST

- Type of Request
 - Final only for:
 - 1) final seeding of entire project area
 - 2) final clipping of entire project area
 - 2) final wetland structure completion
 - Partial: Everything else
- Completion Date:
 - Only filled in with Month/Day/Year when voucher is marked "Final"

Viceroy



Monarch

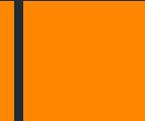
Voucher Preparation

R/I	ITEM	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	COST
					\$0.00
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					\$0.00
					\$0.00
R - Receipted item / Invoiced Item I - In-Kind Contribution (attach additional sheets as necessary)					Total: \$0.00
I certify that this is an accurate and true summation of the actual costs and quantities of material, labor, and equipment used on the above project. In cases where the receipts included items not used on the project, I have corrected them accordingly.					

_____ (Payee Signature)			_____ (Date)		

- Itemized list doesn't need to be extremely detailed
 - Can include all items on one line with total cost.
 - Receipts are not needed for ecological work.
 - SWCD certification
 - Any work associated with RR-8 will need receipts and as-built included.
 - L/O signs & dates voucher
- Notes can be entered in this area, as well.

Voucher Preparation



D. PAYMENT INFORMATION		EASEMENT PROGRAMS {(c) cannot exceed (a) - (b)}	
TOTAL COST OF PRACTICE	\$0.00	(a) Maximum Payment Allowed	
		(b) Total of Previous Payments	
OTHER FUNDING SOURCES (please identify source)		(c) Balance Available	\$0.00
	-	COST-SHARE PROGRAM ONLY {(b) + (c) cannot exceed 75% of (a)} <i>(DO NOT USE THIS SECTION FOR EASEMENT PROGRAMS)</i>	
	-		
	-		
	-		
	-		
Cost-Share Reimbursement Requested	0.00	(a) Total Cost Approved:	
		(b) Other public funds	%
		(c) District Share	%
LANDOWNER / LAND OCCUPIER COST:	0.00	(c) District Share	%

- Left columns:
 - Make sure to include all funding sources
- Right columns:
 - Max payment allowed should account for only those practice areas the voucher is claiming
 - Total of Previous Payments should account for only those practice areas the voucher is claiming
 - Figuring out this amount can take some time

Voucher Preparation

- General Items:

- Once received at BWSR St. Paul, we have 30 days to issue payment. We try to process it within a week or two. During busiest months (July-October) we may need the full 30 days.
- Do allow an additional 10 business days for LO to receive check
- Common errors we find:
 - SWCDs hesitant to mark practices as final due to likely future clipping costs
 - For recent easements (funded in 2007 or newer), we keep \$ available for maintenance, so final seeding should be marked “final.” Just make sure to mark final clipping as “final.”
 - Also helpful to put note on voucher (ex. *1 more clipping estimated)
 - Maximum payment & previous payment fields not filled out
 - Don't use the cost-share program voucher; correct form is in Easements section of website

Voucher Preparation

- Do I need to send in any other documents?
 - Receipts and as-built (only for RR-8)
 - W-9
- Include W-9 if:
 - No payments have been made on the easement for over 2 years
 - However, if a W-9 has already been submitted, we keep it on file for any future payments
 - Payee info changes (must be done in writing by landowner)



Clouded Sulphur

Voucher FAQs

- The limits for each practice are capped (ex. \$300/ac for RR-2 & \$600/ac for RR-8). The costs came in higher than allowed for the practice area and I'm freaking out!
 - If a project will come in higher than our rate caps, you can either:
 - 1) explore alternatives to see if practice installation can be completed more cost effectively
 - 2) approach practice installation reimbursement differently (combine practice areas on one voucher to spread the cost out)
 - Example: cost for P.A. 1 (RR-2a, 1 acre) is \$600 due to extensive site prep, but cost for P.A. 2 (RR-2a, 10 acres) was only \$2500. Total cost for both areas is then \$3,100, which is less than the \$3,300 cap.
 - 3) submit a PIRF, justifying why costs will be higher. Under special cases, we may approve of paying a higher amount.

Voucher FAQs

- I don't want to check "final" on the voucher. Won't they release the remaining money for the project if I do that?
 - No. Marking final just helps us with identifying if there will be any more seeding work or wetland restoration work. We figure that there will be clippings or other establishment work after the seeding occurs anyway.
- I have a group project (multiple easements that have wetland restorations spanning across boundaries). Do I need to split up costs accordingly for each landowner, or can I have one landowner manage the contractor/project?
 - You can do either.
 - Ok. Then what do I need to do if I want to just have one landowner manage the project?
 - Confirm other landowner(s) are in agreement. Then you can utilize the combination of funds available from each conservation plan. Just make sure you identify which practice areas of which easements are being impacted when submitting vouchers. BWSR Engineers will be checking costs meet expectations.



Voucher Preparation

■ Questions?



Richard Hayden: Oh that sounds good: melted chocolate inside the dash, that really ups the resale value.

Tommy: I think you'll be okay here, they have a thin candy shell. 'Surprised you didn't know that.

Richard Hayden: I think your brain has a thick candy shell.

Tommy: Your... Your brain has the shell on it.

Richard Hayden: Are you talking?

Tommy: Shut up, Richard.



Fat guy in a little coat.

Voucher Example

- Site prep & seeding occurred on all 43.8 acres of P.A. 1 and on 1.2 acres of P.A. 5
 - 45.0 Acres
- Total cost is \$13,000
 - Burn \$1000
 - Spray 2x \$2500
 - Seed \$9000
 - Seeding \$500
- You have already verified installation meets requirements, costs are acceptable, etc.
- Let's work together to prepare the voucher!

D. PAYMENT INFORMATION

TOTAL COST OF PRACTICE

OTHER FUNDING SOURCES (please identify source)

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Cost-Share Reimbursement Requested

LANDOWNER / LAND OCCUPIER COST:

EASEMENT PROGRAMS {(c) cannot exceed (a) - (b)}

(a) Maximum Payment Allowed

(b) Total of Previous Payments

(c) Balance Available

COST-SHARE PROGRAM ONLY {(b) + (c) cannot exceed 75% of (a)}

(DO NOT USE THIS SECTION FOR EASEMENT PROGRAMS)

(a) Total Cost Approved:

(b) Other public funds %

(c) District Share %

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E. SWCD CERTIFICATION

I certify that an inspection has been performed and that the items identified in part C have been completed and are in accordance with the required practice standards and specifications.

(Conservation District Technical Representative) (Date)

I certify that I have reviewed this voucher and all supporting information and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the quantities and billed costs or disbursements are accurate and are in accordance with terms of the program identified.

(Authorized SWCD Representative) (Date)

D. PAYMENT INFORMATION

TOTAL COST OF PRACTICE

\$13,000.00

OTHER FUNDING SOURCES (please identify source)

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Cost-Share Reimbursement Requested

13,000.00

LANDOWNER / LAND OCCUPIER COST:

0.00

EASEMENT PROGRAMS {(c) cannot exceed (a) - (b)}

(a) Maximum Payment Allowed

13,500.00

(b) Total of Previous Payments

\$0.00

(c) Balance Available

\$13,500.00

COST-SHARE PROGRAM ONLY {(b) + (c) cannot exceed 75% of (a)}

(DO NOT USE THIS SECTION FOR EASEMENT PROGRAMS)

(a) Total Cost Approved:

(b) Other public funds

 %

(c) District Share

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Voucher Preparation

■ Questions?



Bob Swerski: Todd was kind enough to show up today even though earlier this week he had yet another heart attack.

Todd O'Connor: That's okay, Bob, this one's just fibrillations. I just gotta limit my pork intake to 400 grams a day.

Carl Molarski: That's tough.

Todd O'Connor: Yeah well the doc says I got a piece of Polish sausage lodged in the lining of my heart.

Tommy: Did you hear I finally graduated?

Richard Hayden: Yeah, and just a shade under a decade too, all right.

Tommy: You know a lot of people go to college for seven years.

Richard Hayden: I know, they're called doctors.

PIRFs vs. Revision Requests

WR-01104-01 (10-99)

PRACTICE IMPLEMENTATION/AMENDMENT REQUEST FORM

LINE	FY	FUND	AGENCY	ORG/SUB	APPR UNIT	OBJECT/SUB
AMOUNT			DESCRIPTION			
Vendor #		PO #		PI#		

PAYEE INFORMATION

Easement I.D. Number: _____ Landowner Name: _____ Address: _____

INSTALLATION REQUEST Reinstallation or Conservation Plan Amendment

Has Practice Failed Before? (Applies to Reinstallations Only) Y or N Proposed Date of (Re)installation (Month/Year) _____

Practice Type	Practice Area(s)	Acres to be treated	Max. CS Payment Rate	Max. CS \$'s Available	Total CS \$'s Requested	Est. Total Cost
Explain Reason for Failure or Conservation Plan Amendment (attach additional sheets if necessary):						

ESTABLISHMENT REQUEST

Practice Type	Practice Area(s)	Total Practice Acres	Max. CS Payment Rate	Max. CS \$'s Available	Total CS \$'s paid to date	
CS \$'s per acre paid to date						
Per Acre CS \$'s Remaining						
Acres to be treated						
Total CS \$'s Available						
Total CS \$'s Requested						
Est. Total Cost						
Describe Activity (attach additional sheets if necessary):						

SIGNATURES

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, the information in this form is accurate and in accordance with the terms of the conservation easement program. I also agree to and acknowledge my obligations associated with this request.

(Landowner Signature) (Date) _____
(Authorized SWCD Representative) (Date)

—For BWSR Use Only—

Request Approved
 Request Not Approved
 Comments Attached

(BWSR Easement Coordinator) (Date)

05/05

CONSERVATION EASEMENT REVISION REQUEST FORM

A. EASEMENT APPLICATION INFORMATION

Name of Applicant: _____ Name of SWCD: _____ Easement Application No.: _____

B. REVISION INFORMATION

	PREVIOUS REQUEST	REVISED REQUEST (N/C No Change)
TOTAL EASEMENT ACRES (1/10)	_____	_____
TOTAL EASEMENT PAYMENT	_____	_____
TOTAL CONSERVATION PLAN COST-SHARE FUNDS REQUESTED	_____	_____
TOTAL NON-COST-SHARE FUNDS REQUIRED	_____	_____

* Include a revised copy of the CREP calc sheet (if applicable), CEFW & CEPPW with each revision request
 * Include aerial photo accurately showing any revisions to the easement area (if applicable)

C. SWCD ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I certify that the landowner(s) are aware of, and in agreement with, the proposed financial changes to the easement and/or conservation practice payments and any associated changes to the easement area, as indicated in item B above. I also certify that the landowner(s) understand the effect these proposed changes will have on their financial obligations for establishing the conservation practices identified in the conservation plan.

(SWCD Representative) (Date)

D. BWSR AUTHORIZATION

I have reviewed and I approve this request for revising the previously agreed to easement area and/or financial terms for this conservation easement.

(BWSR Authorization) (Date)

■ When to use PIRF

OR

Revision Request Form

PIRFs vs. Revision Requests

05/05

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REVISION REQUEST FORM**

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(SWCD Representative)	(Date)

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- Use Revision Request when:
 - Conservation Plan has changed (before first voucher submitted)
 - Changing easement acres, easement payment rates prior to easement being recorded
- Simple form that requires only SWCD signature

PIRFs vs. Revision Requests

- Use PIRF when:
 - Modifying cons plan after first voucher
 - WRP plan changed & needs to be reflected in RIM plan
 - L/O wants to change a practice area (ex. RR-2b to RR-2a)
 - Reinstallation of failed practice
 - Cost for comes in higher than our limits & more \$ is requested to complete project

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AMOUNT			DESCRIPTION			
Vendor # _____			PO# _____		PI# _____	

PAYEE INFORMATION

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Describe Activity (attach additional sheets if necessary):					

SIGNATURES

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_____ (Landowner Signature)	_____ (Date)	_____ (Authorized SWCD Representative)	_____ (Date)
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—For BWSR Use Only—

<input type="checkbox"/> Request Approved	_____ (BWSR Easement Coordinator)	_____ (Date)
<input type="checkbox"/> Request Not Approved		
<input type="checkbox"/> Comments Attached		

PIRFs vs. Revision Requests

INSTALLATION REQUEST Reinstallation <input type="checkbox"/> or Conservation Plan Amendment <input type="checkbox"/>						
Has Practice Failed Before? (Applies to Reinstallations Only) <input type="checkbox"/> Y or <input type="checkbox"/> N				Proposed Date of (Re)installation (Month/Year) <input type="text"/>		
Practice Type <input type="text"/>	Practice Area(S) <input type="text"/>	Acres to be Treated; <input type="text"/>	Max. C/S Payment Rate <input type="text"/>	Max. C/S \$'s Available <input type="text"/>	Total C/S \$'s Requested <input type="text"/>	Est. Total Cost: <input type="text"/>
Explain Reason for Failure or Conservation Plan Amendment (attach additional sheets if necessary): <input type="text"/>						
ESTABLISHMENT REQUEST						
Practice Type: <input type="text"/>	Practice Area(s): <input type="text"/>	Total Practice Acres: <input type="text"/>	Max. C/S Payment Rate: <input type="text"/>	Max. C/S \$'s Available: <input type="text"/>	Total C/S \$'s paid to date: <input type="text"/>	
C/S \$'s per acre paid to date: <input type="text"/>	Per Acre C/S \$'s Remaining: <input type="text"/>	Acres to be Treated: <input type="text"/>	Total C/S \$'s Available: <input type="text"/>	Total C/S \$'s Requested: <input type="text"/>	Est. Total Cost: <input type="text"/>	
Describe Activity (attach additional sheets if necessary): <input type="text"/>						

- Only one practice type (RR-2, RR-8, etc.) per PIRF
- Use correct rate/acre (look at CEPPW form in your file)
- Make sure to fully explain proposed activity

PIRF Example

- Construction work on RR-8 site will cost more than the \$2,400 available (P.A. 5 has 4.0 acres x \$600/ac)
- A PIRF will need to be approved to raise the amount to the planned cost of \$4,500. We will request \$5,000 to allow for any unforeseen cost increases.
 - If there are cost increases, change orders need to be submitted to BWSR Engineers if change from what was originally planned on:
 - Engineer's cost estimate
 - Contractor's bid



PAYEE INFORMATION

Easement I.D. Number: 53-10-13-09	Landowner Name: Tommy Callahan	Address: In a van down by the river
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INSTALLATION REQUEST Reinstallation or Conservation Plan Amendment

Has Practice Failed Before? (Applies to Reinstallations Only) <input type="checkbox"/> Y or <input type="checkbox"/> N				Proposed Date of (Re)installation (Month/Year) 6/2015		
Practice Type	Practice Area(S)	Acres to be Treated;	Max. C/S Payment Rate	Max. C/S \$'s Available	Total C/S \$'s Requested	Est. Total Cost:
RR-8	5	4.0	\$1,250.00/ac	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,500.00
Explain Reason for Failure or Conservation Plan Amendment (attach additional sheets if necessary): Cost for wetland restoration will exceed typical cap of \$600/ac. Additional funds needed to ensure structure is built to specifications.						

Violations

- Site Inspection Form
 - If violations are identified
 - SWCD resolve informally
 - SWCD resolve formally (documents on BWSR website)
 - Escalate to BWSR Board Conservationist or BWSR Easement Staff
- Examples of Violations
 - Cropping
 - Noxious weed problem
 - Unauthorized grazing or mowing
 - Storage/dumping on easement area

Vegetation Guidelines for RIM



- 2009 vegetation requirements (25 species minimum) were repealed in 2011
- Key Concepts of new Guidelines
 - 1) Local Decision Making
 - 2) A Consistent Standard
 - 3) Focus on “Local” Seed and Plant Sources
 - 4) Pursuing Information and Innovation

Vegetation Guidelines for RIM

- SWCDs have freedom to choose species #s

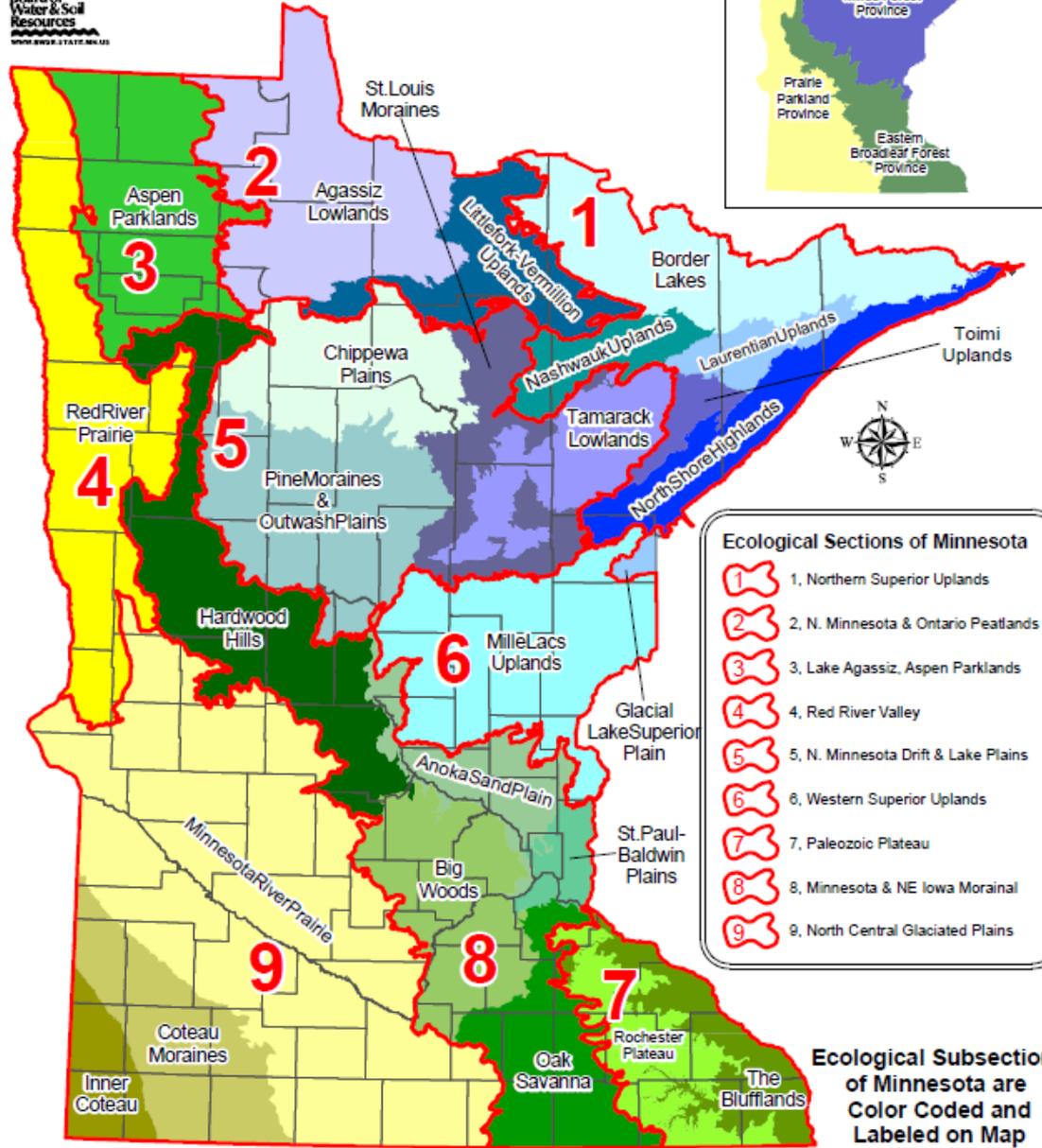
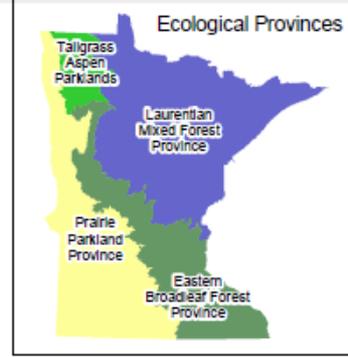
Minimum Recommended Number of Species

Current Site Conditions	Soil Stabilization	Water Quality	Grassland Bird Nesting	Habitat for Multiple Wildlife Groups	Native Plant Community Restoration (marsh and sedge meadow)	Native Plant Community Restoration (prairie, savanna, forest)
Natural Areas with High Species Diversity	15	20	30	30	30	40
Some Intact Ecological Characteristics	10	20	25	25	25	35
Agricultural Field	10	15	15	20	20	25
Disturbed Site (Urban Soils, Compaction etc.)	5	10	15	20	20	25
Disturbed Site with High Invasive Species Risk	5	5	15	20	20	20

Project Function/Goals

Seed Source Requirements for RIM

- Recommended sequence for obtaining seed/plants:
 - A) Areas with similar site conditions and located as close to the project site as possible (including seedbank and site collected seed)
 - B) Ecological Sub-sections
 - C) Ecological Sections
 - D) Working outward from the site with 175 miles as the recommended maximum range.
- Use [calculator](#) on BWSR website for help with picking acceptable bids (RIM-WRP)



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Map may change as DNR updates their map



Seed/Plant Requirements for RIM

- Dependent on project type
 - RIM Riparian Buffer
 - Use NRCS 393 practice standard as guide
 - Could use as little as a 3 species mix if small area right next to brome/reed canary with high likelihood of succession (adding 20 ft. to 30 ft. CRP filter strip to meet min 50 ft. requirement)
 - Should use higher species mix if establishing large riparian buffer (possibly use NRCS 643 Standard)
 - Encourage more diverse mix of warm season grasses & forbs (perhaps a 10-25+ species mix)



Seed/Plant Requirements for RIM

- Dependent on project type
 - RIM-WRP wetland restoration
 - Use NRCS practice standards according to WRP plan
 - RIM has no extra vegetation requirements beyond WRP requirements
 - Future revisions to NRCS Standards will reflect BWSR's seed source sequence guidelines

Conservation Plans, Vouchers, PIRFs & Revision Requests



Common
Wood Nymph

■ Final Questions?



Northern Crescent