



Continuous CRP Practice Information

CP23 Wetland Restoration (Floodplain)

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The purpose of this practice is to restore the functions and values of wetland ecosystems that are entirely within the 100-year floodplain. The goal of the CP23 practice is the rehabilitation of a degraded wetland where the soils, hydrology, vegetative community, and biological habitat are returned to the natural condition to the extent practicable.

Practice Guidance:

Eligible sites are defined as those cropped wetlands which have been manipulated, either entirely or partially, and which meet CRP cropland eligibility requirements, along with the associated upland buffer areas. All hydric soils, as identified on the county hydric soils list, which have been cropped and meet CRP requirements are eligible for restoration.

The degree of restoration will be defined by the landowner after technical consultation with USDA. The goal of wetland restoration projects is to restore the original hydrology of the site. Practice feasibility, economic cost, off-site limitations along with other considerations may limit the extent of hydrology that can be restored. Has a last alternative sites will be eligible when the “cessation of cropping” and the subsequent establishment of CRP vegetation is accomplished.



Example of a Floodplain Wetland

■ CCRP Practice Contract information

- Contract length 10-15 years
- \$150 / acre Signing Incentive Payment (SIP)
- 20% CRP Rental Rate Incentive
- NRCS Practice Number 657 for wetland restoration and seeding
- NRCS Practice Number 327 or 643 for upland seeding
- Practice Incentive Payment (PIP) equal to 40% of the eligible installation costs. PIP is additive to 50% cost-share equaling 90% cost-share for practice establishment.

■ Practice Requirements

- Entirely within the 100 year floodplain
- Practice may enroll 3 acres of upland soils for every 1 acre of hydric soil
- Wetland restoration is dependent on practice feasibility. As a last alternative “cessation of cropping” satisfies the restoration requirement.

Additional Information:

[NRCS CCRP CP23 Eligibility Document](#)

[NRCS Practice Code 657 Standard](#)

[NRCS Practice Code 643 Standard](#)

[NRCS Practice Code 327 Standard](#)

[NRCS CCRP CP23 Job Sheet](#)