

**USDA BUFFER PROGRAMS
2002 FARM BILL**

CRP BUFFER PRACTICES

- Filter strips
- Forested riparian buffer
- Shallow water areas for wildlife
- Wetland restoration
- Farmable Wetland pilot wetland
- Farmable Wetland pilot wetland buffer
- Bottomland timber establishment on wetlands

Filter Strip

- Remove concentrated flow points
- Pass >50% of runoff as sheet flow
- Width 20 – 120 feet
- Increase width with slope, DA, high runoff soils
- Restricted haying/grazing allowed

Forested Riparian Buffer

- 3 zones
- Zone 1 – 15 feet – Shrubs/trees
 - bank stability
 - rapid growth
 - low blockage risk
- Zone 2 – 20 feet – Trees; 3 species
- Zone 3 – Native grass filter strip

Shallow Water Areas

- 10 acre limit per tract
- Native grass buffer around waterline
- Impound for at least six months
- Average depth of 6-18 inches

Wetland Restoration

- PC or FW acres
- <3:1 upland buffer
- Either grassland or forested ecosystem (landowner decides)

Farmable Wetland Pilot

- PC or FW
- Offered area 10 acres or less
- Enrolled acres 5 acres or less
- Area outside the 100 year floodplain and not on NWI

Bottomland Timber Establishment

- Reforestation in 100 year floodplain
- Does not have to be hydric soil
- Min. 3 mast producing hardwoods

WILDLIFE HABITAT INCENTIVE PROGRAM

- WETLAND RESTORATION
PC ACRES
- WETLAND CREATION
CLASS IIW OR IIIW SOILS

- 75% COST SHARE
- LEVEE CONSTRUCTION
- WATER CONTROL STRUCTURES
- REFORESTATION
- NATIVE GRASS ESTABLISHMENT

- WETLAND RESERVE
ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM**
- NEW PROGRAM IN 2004
 - MODELED AFTER CREP
 - DESIGNED TO FORM PARTNERSHIPS
 - RESTORATION ON NEW PROJECTS
 - ENHANCEMENT ON PRIOR PROJECTS
 - ASSISTANCE WITH EASEMENT MGT.
 - IN 2005, \$4 MILLION AVAILABLE WITH SPECIAL FUNDS FOR BOG TURTLE AND IVORY BILLED WOODPECKER
