

Wetlands Reserve Program

Turn a Problem ...

**Natural
Resources
Conservation
Service**

... Into a Solution

The **Wetlands Reserve Program** is a voluntary program that provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners and Tribes to restore, protect, and enhance wetlands. The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service manages the program.



United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Contact
the local
NRCS office
for more
information:**

Acceptance In the Program

Acceptance in the program is based on a score derived from an environmental ranking and the preliminary restoration plan for offered acres.

Easement Payments

Easement payments are based on the lowest of either the fair market value of the land using an appraisal or area-wide analysis, the Geographic Area Rate Cap, or an offer made by the landowner.

The Arkansas 2010 Geographic Area Rate Cap is \$1,100 an acre for permanent and \$825 per acre for 30 year easements. The cap is evaluated each year.