

LCCMR staff summary of BWSR email responses to member request for information on CREP sign-ups to-date.

CREP sign-up update:

BWSR staff are pleased with progress to date. Sign-up began in late May through August 15, BWSR has received 60 applications representing 1,500 acres of permanently protected environmentally sensitive land. The applications amount to a total estimated state and federal cost of \$15 million. BWSR staff are working with FSA staff to complete final decision-making on these applications. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis until the 60,000-acre goal is reached.

More detail:

In the first two batching periods, BWSR received CREP applications from Carver, Cottonwood, Faribault, Freeborn, Jackson, Le Sueur, Martin, McLeod, Murray, Nicollet, Otter Tail, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Sibley, Stevens, and Watonwan counties for the following practices/acres:

Non-floodplain wetlands - 1569 acres

Floodplain wetlands - 315 acres

Buffer strips - 119 acres

Ground Protection – MDH approved well protection areas that have been ranked high or very high in vulnerability – 0 acres

Applications are accepted on a continual basis. The first batching period looked only at buffer strips and considered all applications postmarked by 7/15/17. The second batching period included all four practices and considered applications postmarked by 7/31/17.