

**INTERAGENCY WETLANDS POLICY ACT
SWCD WETLAND SITE SCREENING
Partners For Conservation Land Treatment**

Project Type (Name): _____

County Where Project Will Be Installed: _____

Owner/Operator/Applicant Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone #: _____

Project Site Information

Location:

P.M. _____ Township _____ Range _____ Section _____ $\frac{1}{4}$ Section _____ $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ Section _____

A. Does the project site contain what appear to be wetlands on or adjacent to the project site?

Yes No Comments: _____

B. Please identify the current land use of the project site.

- Cropland
- Pastureland
- Forest
- Wetland
- Hay land
- Set-aside land
- Other (identify) _____

Name of person conducting initial site screening: _____

Affiliation of person conducting screening: _____

Date of site screening: _____

Screening Procedure For Potential Impacts To Wetlands - Erosion and Sediment Control Land Treatment and Streambank Stabilization Project

Per the Interagency Wetlands Policy Act and the Illinois Department of Agriculture's Wetland Action Plan, the below guidance is provided to SWCDs regarding potential impacts to wetlands by **projects that exceed \$10,000 in total cost**. The entire screening and coordination process must be completed prior to construction of those specific erosion and sediment control land treatment and streambank stabilization projects.

- A. Inventory all projects approved by the SWCD Board, which will be more than \$10,000 in cost-share, on a per project basis.
- B. Conduct a site visit of those specific projects and complete the wetland site screening form provided by the IDOA.
- C. Send the completed wetland screening form to the Bureau of Land and Water Resources as soon as possible.
- D. Upon receipt of the completed site screening form, the IDOA, in cooperation with the SWCD, will determine whether a formal wetland determination will be necessary. If a formal delineation is needed, the IDOA will work with the SWCD to secure such delineation.
- E. If the screening process and subsequent formal wetland delineation reveal that the proposed project will indeed impact a wetland, coordinate with the land user to avoid or reduce the anticipated impact, after consultation with the IDOA.
- F. Assist the IDOA in developing wetland impact and mitigation information that will be forwarded to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for review.
- G. Document discussions with the land user to avoid or reduce impacts to wetlands with the project and send a copy to the IDOA.
- H. Do not fund projects where they will negatively impact wetlands without appropriate mitigation for such impacts, as coordinated with the IDOA.

NOTE: For those SSRP projects (beyond \$10,000 cost-share) that may impact wetlands, only a portion of the SSRP project area may qualify as a jurisdictional wetland. Specifically, that limited area is the shelf at the toe of a slope in the streambed, just above the stream channel. If that shelf area contains wetland vegetation, depending upon its width, then that area may be a wetland. For further clarification, the streambank itself (particularly if it's not eroding) and the stream itself are not wetlands.