



Natural Resources Conservation Service

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SAMPLE 7-YEAR OWNERSHIP AND WAIVER INFORMATION TO THE LANDOWNER

[Date]

[Applicant Name]

[Address]

[City, State, Zip]

Re: Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) 7-Year Ownership and Waiver Information

Dear [Applicant Name],

Thank you for your interest in the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) easement enrollment option. The 2008 Farm Bill enacted changes to the landowner eligibility requirement for WRP easement enrollment. As a result of these changes, you must have owned the offered land for at least 7 years prior to the time the land is determined eligible for enrollment.

If you have owned the land for less than 7 years, you may request a waiver if you can provide adequate assurances, as determined by NRCS, that the land was not purchased for the purpose of enrolling in WRP. The burden of proof in this regard is on the landowner.

If you wish to be considered for a waiver, please submit a letter to the State Conservationist indicating the circumstances and date of purchase, the reasons for purchasing the land, and why you now want to offer the land into WRP. Also include the past, current, and intended future land use. You may also want to disclose—

- If the land was acquired by will or succession due to death of previous landowner.
- If the land was acquired by right of redemptions exercised during a foreclosure action.
- Crop losses due to flooding.
- Any relevant personal or financial circumstances you would like taken into consideration.
- Any relevant personal or financial circumstances that caused the previous owner to sell.

All other landowner eligibility requirements must be met before we will consider waiving the 7-year ownership requirement. Your waiver request letter should be addressed to [Name], State Conservationist, [Address, City, State, ZIP], with a copy provided to [Local Contact or WRP Lead].

We will notify you of the NRCS decision on your waiver request as soon as possible. Please contact [NRCS Contact Name] at [phone number] or [email] if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

[Name]

[Title]

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