

Wetland Protection and Restoration Program

Agency/Organization: Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation
Program: **Wetland Protection and Restoration Program (WPRP)**
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Program Description:

The goal of the Wetlands Protection and Restoration Program (WPRP) is to help protect the water quality of Lake Champlain through the restoration and protection of wetlands. The program can purchase wetland property or easements, provide funded restoration designs and implementation, and help leverage other funding. Ideal sites are ditched or drained wetlands as well as intact wetlands. Often partners with WRP projects and others.

Assistance Type: Financial, Technical, Easements

Financial Assistance: WPRP can provide:

- payment for the purchase of the wetland portion of a property
- payment for wetland easements
- payment for incorporating the wetland into an existing easement
- fully funded wetland design and implementation
- leverage of other funding sources.

ELIGIBILITY

Landscape Type: Wetland

Resource Type: Water quality, Wildlife habitat

Criteria: The Department is actively seeking wetland restoration and protection opportunities. Ideal wetland restoration sites are those that historically functioned as wetlands but were converted to other uses through ditching and draining. The Department is also looking to protect intact wetlands that have a significant water quality protection function. Any landowner in the Champlain Basin of Vermont is eligible to apply.