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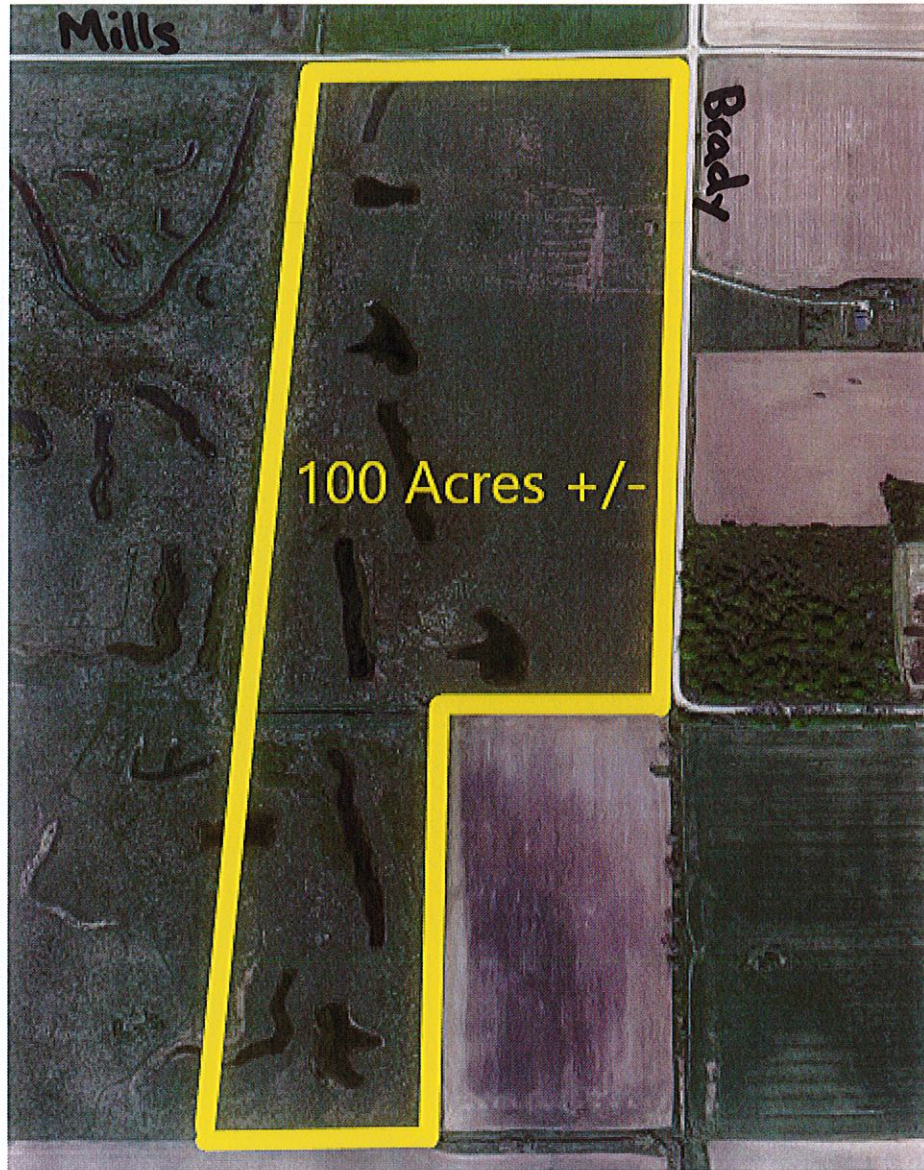
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# WRE Restrictions

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Some restrictions associated with a WRE easement include:

- ▶ **Permanent structures of any kind are not allowed on the easement area.** Any existing structures must be removed at the landowner's expense prior to the recording of the easement. This includes structures like sheds and pump houses. Hunting blinds that are removed at the end of the season are allowed.
- ▶ **Access roads within an easement boundary are not guaranteed to remain functional or passable.** In some instances, they may be allowed to remain with a compatible use permit. When selling the property, however, these internal roads or trails should not be defined as permanent vehicle access.
- ▶ **Activities such as cutting vegetation or harvesting wood products will require a compatible use permit.** Compatible uses are allowed only if they are fully consistent with the protection and enhancement of the wetland. See the compatible use permits section below for more information.

There are additional restrictions. Be sure to discuss these with your NRCS planner.

## Compatible use permits

Landowners may request compatible use permits for certain activities that are not listed as reserved rights in the Warranty Easement Deed. Only activities that are consistent with the long-term protection and enhancement of the easement area will be authorized. These permits will define specifically the activity, method, frequency, timing, intensity, and duration of the compatible use and will be reviewed annually.

Some compatible uses could include:

- ▶ **Timber harvest**, in consultation with a professional forester and wildlife manager, if needed to achieve or protect wildlife habitat and wetland functions.
- ▶ **Haying, mowing, or grazing** to maintain wildlife habitat and wetland functions and values.
- ▶ **Mowing** for access roads or nature trails, and to manage and maintain structures such as embankments.



## Key points about WRE

### WRE is...

- ◆ A real estate transaction
- ◆ A complex process that can take more than a year to complete

### WRE is not...

- ◆ A buy-out program for farmers who wish to get out of agriculture

## Other important points:

- ◆ WRE funding is limited. Not all applications will be selected for funding.
- ◆ Applications are ranked competitively.
- ◆ All paperwork and documentation must be complete before NRCS will begin processing an application.
- ◆ A WRE easement is a permanent or long term commitment that has significant restrictions. It is important that you completely understand the terms and conditions of the easement. Please take the time to discuss your enrollment with an NRCS representative.
- ◆ When you file an application for a WRE easement, you are volunteering to limit future use of offered acres, but will retain private ownership.
- ◆ Read all program information carefully to determine if you are ready to apply for WRE.