



Eight-Acre Requirement

The Minnesota Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (MN CREP)

What size parcel can I enroll?

MN CREP has a minimum enrollment size of 8 acres.

Are there exceptions to this requirement?

Yes. Waivers to the 8 acre minimum are granted for:

- Socially disadvantaged, limited resource, or beginning farmer or rancher, as determined by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- Wellhead Protection Area (CP2) very high and/or high vulnerability
- Grass Filter Strips (CP21)
 - Adjacent to public water included on buffer protection map
 - Contiguous to already protected land or another MN CREP offer/contract
 - Width required to treat both sediment and soluble materials
- Wetland Restoration (CP23 or CP23a) - Adjacent to already protected land or another MN CREP offer/contract



How do I find out if I qualify for a waiver?

If you think you may qualify for a waiver to the 8-acre minimum, visit your local Soil and Water Conservation District office. Those who wish to self-certify as a beginning, limited resource or disadvantaged farmer or rancher will also need to complete form CCC-860, available at your local Farm Service Agency office.