

**2011 RIM-WRP**  
**Common Application Errors/Issues**

1. DNR Protected Wetlands (Public Waters and Public Water Wetlands) not identified and appropriately handled as an exclusion of the application area or an inclusion as donated acres.
2. Not included in the application are supporting documents maps, photos, etc. as required in Section II – Other Required Documents of the Application Checklist. Most notably:
  - a. Clean aerial photo (no shading, patterns, or hatching) clearly depicting the boundary of the proposed easement.
  - b. Photos, maps or other supporting documents identifying drainage component (ditch, tile, pump, etc.) of all effectively drained and partially drained wetlands.
3. Supporting documentation not provided to substantiate checked items in Section III. - Additional Considerations, of Restoration Evaluation Worksheet (Score Sheet)
4. Methods used to identify and count the number of restorable wetland basins for scoring purposes.
5. The “miraculous” split wetland. In other words, conveniently splitting one wetland basin into two via an impracticable/infeasible dike for scoring purposes.
6. The “miraculous” hillside depressional wetlands. In other words, claiming non-depressional wetlands and floodplain wetlands as depressional wetlands for scoring purposes.
7. Identifying farmed, natural wetlands as drained wetlands for scoring purposes.
8. Identifying partially drained wetlands (i.e. wetlands that have little to no crop history) as effectively drained wetlands for scoring purposes.
9. Planned wetland restorations that are up to and on the easement boundary and show that they will not impact neighboring property.
10. Incomplete applications – missing required information makes review hard or impossible. With the new scoring period process, incomplete applications will be returned to local office for completion.
11. Provide sufficient acres of adjacent land to provide buffer and make a high quality wetland wildlife complex.

12. The applicant's deed shows a government lot or the land being offered has a river, stream, lake, drained lake bed or other waterbody as a boundary this may be considered meandered land and could create a problem with title to this part of the area.