EASEMENT #

**RIM RESERVE EASEMENT AREA ASSESSMENT**

**I. EASEMENT AREA DESCRIPTION**

 [ ]  Sensitive groundwater area:

 Sinkhole & contributing area [ ]  Wellhead protection area [ ]  Other [ ]

 [ ]  Wetland restoration area      % of wetland meets crop history requirements

 [ ]  Riparian land area **Adjacent To:** *Common Name or inventory number:*

 Stream/River

 Lake

 Wetland

 [ ]  Marginal agricultural cropland areas

 [ ]  Other eligible land type:

**II. LAND USE INFORMATION *(Check all that apply, and check twice at the predominant use)***

A. What is the current land use of the proposed easement area:

 [ ] [ ]  Ag Land: Row Crops [ ] [ ]  Ag Land: Hay and/or Pasture land

 [ ] [ ]  Other:      [ ] [ ]  CRP

 [ ] [ ]  Federal or State Waterbank

 [ ] [ ]  RIM (Limited Duration)

B. What is the surrounding land use and ownership?

 [ ]  Ag Land [ ]  Residential or Commercial

 [ ]  Forest Land [ ]  Recreational Land

 [ ]  Public:       Local       State       Federal

 [ ]  Private *(if enrolled in a conservation program please specify program and ID #)*

 [ ]  Other:

**III. WATER QUALITY & EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION INFORMATION**

A. Water quality characteristics of the proposed easement area *(check all that currently apply):*

 [ ]  Within 100-year floodplain

 [ ]  Offsite deposition of sediment into water body is occurring

 [ ]  Contains Wetland(s):       Natural       Restored       Created

 [ ]  Field generally lies:       Perpendicular       Parallel to the riparian source

B. Erosion and sedimentation characteristics of the proposed easement area:

 \* Average slope percent:       % \* Average slope length       Feet

 \* Erosion type *(check all that apply and check twice at the predominant):*

 [ ] [ ]  Wind [ ] [ ]  Sheet & Rill

 [ ] [ ]  Concentrated Flow - ephemeral [ ] [ ]  Scour

 [ ] [ ]  Concentrated Flow - gully

 Estimated Average Erosion Rate for the Easement Area:  T/ac/yr.

**IV. FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT INFORMATION:**

A. Present characteristics of the proposed easement area:

 [ ]  Contains endangered/threatened species habitat (please identify species in the narrative below)

 [ ]  Contains Wetland(s):       Natural       Drained       Restored       Created

 [ ]  Contains drained wetlands that will be restored

 \* Proposed “upland to wetland” ratio =      :     .

 [ ]  Contains critical nesting habitat for wildlife

 [ ]  Contains critical winter cover habitat for wildlife

 [ ]  Located in a priority landscape area or high priority conservation site as identified by the

 DNR’s Natural Heritage program. (Please identify in PART V below.)

**V. GENERAL EASEMENT AREA NARRATIVE INFORMATION (attach addition sheets if needed):**

A. Describe the water quality protection/improvement, erosion, and sedimentation control and wildlife

 habitat benefits associated with acquiring a conservation easement on the area.

B. Explain how enrollment of this area will meet the goals and objectives of your comprehensive local

 water management plan and your SWCD comprehensive plan.

C. Explain any problems associated with acquiring a conservation easement on the area.

**VI. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

*Check “yes” if the describe situation exists within the proposed easement area, or within 200’ of its boundaries*

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|  |  |  | **YES** |  | **NO** |
| 1. | Signs of a dumpsite, junk pile or disposal pit? |  | [ ]  |  | [ ]  |
| 2. | Signs of tanks, drums or other containers? |  | [ ]  |  | [ ]  |
| 3. | Stained soil, unusual odors or chemicals of any kind? |  | [ ]  |  | [ ]  |
| 4. | Abandoned (unused) wells? |  | [ ]  |  | [ ]  |
| 5. | Oil sheen’s or discoloration of surface waters? |  | [ ]  |  | [ ]  |
| 6. | Evidence of a former, existing or future building site? |  | [ ]  |  | [ ]  |
| 7. | Evidence of a spill or leak (e.g., ruptured pipeline)? |  | [ ]  |  | [ ]  |
| 8. | Vehicles, farm implements, appliances, tires or batteries? |  | [ ]  |  | [ ]  |
| 9. | Other (attach explanation) |  | [ ]  |  | [ ]  |

After conducting a field inspection on  (date) of the proposed easement area, I believe that there [ ] **IS /****[ ] IS NOT** an apparent contamination potential.

 *(Check one)*

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SWCD Representative Name Date