****2021 Agricultural Wetland Bank**

**Technical Assistance Program**

**Questionnaire and Easement**

**Area Assessment Form**

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| Landowner Name: |  | County/Field Office: |
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**Please check either Yes or No or other appropriate boxes and where requested, provide answers to each question.**

1. Check the box below that best describes the **current** property ownership:

Individual  Multiple Owners  Trust

Husband and Wife  Contract for Deed  Entity such as LLP or LLC

1. Yes  No Are there any known property deed encumbrances? If so, check all that are applicable:

Judgments  Liens  Mortgages  Assessments  Easements

1. Yes  No Are you are aware of any wells within the planned easement area? If yes, are they:

Active  Inactive – Sealed  Inactive – Not Sealed

1. Yes  No Are you aware of any severed mineral rights on the property? If yes, the rights are owned by:

Privately Held  State of MN  Bureau of Land Management  Other

1. Yes  No Is part of the easement area within a platted subdivision?
2. Yes  No Have you received a written notice of violation of any local, State, or Federal regulations? This includes DNR Shoreland Rules part 6120.3300, MN Wetland Conservation Act, MN 103E Ditch Buffers, and MN 103F Buffer Law.
3. Yes  No Are there any potential environmental issues on the planned easement area, or within 200 feet of the planned easement area? If yes, please check all that apply:

Dump Site, Junk Pile, or Disposal Pit

Contains Tanks, Drums, Vehicles, Machinery, Appliances, Tires, Batteries, Other Storage Containers

Evidence of Contaminated Soils (Unusual Stains, Odors, or Chemicals)

Evidence of Contaminated Surface Waters (Oil Sheen, Discoloration, or Unusual Odors)

Evidence of Former, Existing, or Future Building Site

Other (please describe in the box below)

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1. Yes  No Are there any natural gas, crude oil, refined petroleum pipelines or other utilities located on or within 200 feet of the property? If yes, please check all that apply:

Natural Gas  Electric  Fiber Optic/Cable  Other

Crude Oil/Refined Petroleum  Telephone  Wind

1. Yes  No Is some or all of the property currently enrolled in another state or federal conservation program (EQIP, WHIP, CSP, CRP, other) or is it encumbered by another conservation easement (RIM, WRP, Wetland Banking/Mitigation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Land Trust, etc.)? If yes, please explain and attach a map highlighting the area:

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1. Describe the ecological benefits of acquiring a conservation easement on this area and describe any significant natural resource, natural public lands, or other protected lands that are near the site or will be benefited by the project:

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1. Identify the applicable wetland drainage or alteration methods present in the easement area. Please check all that apply:

Private Ditch  Private Tile  Lift Station  Fill/Spoil Placement

Public Ditch  Public Tile  Diversions or Levees  Other

Cropping/Vegetation Alteration of Natural Wetlands

1. Yes  No Are any of the identified drainage features in question 12 governed by a private drainage easement or agreement? If yes, please explain and where possible, provide additional information:

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1. Describe any potential issues/constraints with restoring drained or altered wetlands within the easement (i.e. tile system from neighboring property enters proposed easement area, wetland restoration may hydrologically impact neighboring property, etc.):

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1. Yes  No Are the easement boundaries negotiable? Boundary adjustment may be required after investigation and analysis of the proposed wetland restoration.
2. Yes  No Do you meet any of the criteria to be considered a “Historically Underserved Producer” according to NRCS - [Historically Underserved Producer](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/people/outreach/slbfr/)? If so, please explain which group you fall under:

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