

Notes on the Use of WCA Actions that Generate Wetland Replacement Credits (MN Rules 8420.0526)

Action	Subpart	Percent of Acreage Receiving Credit ¹	Key Requirements ²
Establish upland buffer adjacent to a wetland	2	10, 25, or 50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is upland adjacent to replacement wetland.
Restoration of a completely drained/filled wetland	3	100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is currently a non-wetland. Was historically a wetland. Must restore natural hydrology and native vegetation.
Restoration of a partially drained/filled wetland with cropping history	4A	100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is currently a wetland. Was cropped or in a crop rotation at least 10 of the last 20 years. Must restore natural hydrology and native vegetation.
Restoration of a partially drained/filled wetland without cropping history	4B	50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is currently a wetland. Must restore natural hydrology and native vegetation.
Vegetative restoration of a farmed wetland in BSA's 2, 3, and 4	5A	90	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Was cropped or in a crop rotation at least 10 of the last 20 years. Cannot have existing hydrologic alteration associated with drainage (tile, ditch, etc.).
Vegetative restoration of a farmed wetland in BSA's 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10	5B	50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Was cropped or in a crop rotation at least 10 of the last 20 years. Cannot have existing hydrologic alteration associated with drainage (tile, ditch, etc.).
Protection of a wetland restored under expired conservation contracts/easements	6	75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Was previously restored. Landowner has the right to drain or fill the wetland upon termination of the conservation contract/easement.
Creation of a wetland	7	75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is currently non-wetland, but was not historically a wetland. Must meet certain design criteria (see WCA rule) if part of a wetland quality treatment system.
Restore and protect a wetland with exceptional natural resource value	8	Variable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must include a restoration component. Must be protected by permanent conservation easement. Technical Evaluation Panel must determine eligibility for this action (see WCA rule and BWSR guidance document for specific criteria).
Preserve a wetland	9	12.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is located in a >80% area of the State. Must be protected by permanent conservation easement. Technical Evaluation Panel must determine eligibility for this action (see WCA rule and BWSR guidance document for specific criteria).

¹All percentages are "up to".

²All actions must meet Replacement Standards (MN Rules 8420.0522) and Replacement Construction Standards (MN Rules 8420.0528). This is a partial list of key requirements with paraphrasing and programmatic interpretation, see WCA rule and specific BWSR guidance documents (ENRV and preservation actions) for all requirements.