

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROAD WETLAND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM PROCESS

This document clarifies the process for Road Authorities (RAs) seeking to utilize the Local Government Road Wetland Replacement Program (LGRWRP) that impact wetlands. Failure to follow the process may result in RAs having to provide their own wetland replacement for projects that would otherwise be eligible for replacement under the LGRWRP.

What's the Process?

- Road Authority (RA) concurrently submits the following items to the Local Government Unit (LGU) and US Army Corps of Engineers: Joint Application Form, location map, plans, delineation report and wetland impact table for Attachment E (from the back of the Joint Application Form).
- LGU distributes application to Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP) for review of delineation and plans for accuracy and eligibility;
- LGU and TEP sign Attachment E if they concur with RA information (signed Attachment E is sent to RA);
- RA submits **Joint Application Form, location map, and LGU/TEP signed Attachment E** to BWSR at: amy.waters@state.mn.us.

Why Is Following the Process Important?

BWSR Banking Staff can **only** assign credits to RA projects **after** the above documents have been received.

BWSR processes many LGRWRP applications from all over the state on a first-served basis. Credits are continually being reserved for projects and may no longer be available if there are delays in providing documentation to BWSR.

How Could This Affect My Project?

Portions of the project that involve impacts to wetlands **cannot be started** until the withdrawal verification from BWSR has been received.

Delays in processing could mean there are no credits left and the RA may have to **wait** until some are available **or consider purchasing credits** to avoid delays instead of obtaining them at no cost through the LGRWRP.

For more information:

<https://bwsr.state.mn.us/local-government-road-wetland-replacement-program>