

Wetland Restoration

What is Wetland Restoration?

Wetlands on farms are often drained to make the land conducive to farming are usually drained but making a ditch from the ground to another body of water. By plugging the ditch, you allow water to build up in the drained wetland. You can improve the wetland by planting native species of grasses and over time, insects, amphibians, birds, and other species will make this their home.

What Are the Benefits of Wetland Restoration?

Wetlands have many properties that have large economic incentives.

- Water Retention prevents downstream flooding
- Assimilation on nutrients in runoff
- Habitat for waterfowl benefits hunters and waterfowl enthusiasts
- Can help refill aquifers
- Can be used as a water source for livestock
- Canadian wetlands have an estimated \$20 billion value annually



Can I Benefit From Wetland Restoration?

The benefits of a wetland are spread out over a large area and impact many people. A farm owner will often drain a wetland because to the owner, it represents a larger value drained. The drained wetland will stop providing the economic value to the rest of the area, so the overall value of draining the wetland is a net loss. To make wetland restoration realistic to the farmer, there may be funding available to restore a wetland back to its previous state. This is determined by the current government policies and programs in place.

Want Help Planning or Implementing Wetland Restoration?

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