

WRRSP PROPERTY USE RESTRICTIONS

The following is an example of property use restrictions that will be required for lands purchased through the WPCLF Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program (WRRSP). These restrictions will be adjusted as needed to reflect the specific circumstances of each WRRSP project.

The custodians of WRRSP properties may use existing structures¹ for recreational, educational, or maintenance purposes. However, these actions are not eligible for WRRSP funding and must be compatible with the purpose of this WRRSP Project and follow best management practices in order to comply with the Property Use Restrictions.

With the exception of the items mentioned above, Property Use Restrictions to be imposed in perpetuity upon properties purchased under the WRRSP Program are as follows:

- There shall be no industrial, commercial, or agricultural activity undertaken or allowed on the Property.
- The Property may not be divided, partitioned, subdivided or conveyed except in its current configuration, i.e., all parcels must be conveyed to one entity or person in their entirety. WRRSP property owners would incorporate the terms of the Property Use Restriction by reference in any deed or other legal instrument by which it would divest itself of the fee interest in the Property.
- There shall be no mining, drilling, exploring for or removal of minerals from the protected Property.
- Except as may be necessary for reasonable preservation, management and restoration purposes, there shall be no ditching; draining; diking; filling; excavating, or removal of topsoil, sand, gravel, rock or other materials.
- There shall be no manipulation or alteration of creeks, streams, surface or subsurface springs or other bodies of water, or any activities on or uses of the protected property detrimental to water purity or quality. Restoration activities involving surface water manipulation must be approved in advance by Ohio EPA.
- No person shall conduct, permit, or allow open dumping.
- Except as may be necessary for reasonable preservation, management or restoration purposes, there shall be no building of new roads or other rights of way. Existing roads may be maintained, but shall not be widened or improved. The development of recreational trails (not eligible for WRRSP funding) for hiking, cross country skiing, horseback riding and other similar purposes must be compatible with the purpose of this WRRSP project and follow best management practices.
- There shall be no recreational operation of snowmobiles, dune buggies, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles or other motorized recreational vehicles.

- There shall be no new domestic livestock, no non-native animals (except on those portions of the property leased for private residential or storage purposes) and no feedlots permitted on the Property. There shall be no hunting or trapping except as necessary to keep animal populations within numbers consistent with the ecological balance of the property or as necessary to protect human health and safety.
- Except as may be necessary for reasonable preservation, management or restoration purposes, there shall be no removal, destruction, cutting, trimming or mowing of any trees or other vegetation except as required to maintain a diversity of naturally occurring habitat types and control of exotics. No non-native species shall be introduced to the Property.
- There shall be no use of insecticides, fungicides or rodenticides, unless necessary to protect human health or safety. Herbicides may be used for the control of state designated noxious weeds and for the control of other invasive exotic plant species.

1 Restoration or alteration of historical properties is subject to review and approval by The Ohio Historical Preservation Office.