

Stream Bank Protection Easement Application Form
State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources

The Stream Bank Protection Program (SBP) was established by the State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in order to protect and restore corridors along cold and warmwater streams, to improve water quality and provide public access. The program purchases easements directly from landowners like you.

An easement is a voluntary and permanent legal contract that conveys some of the land rights to another party. In return for payment by the DNR for the easement, the landowner allows public fishing and DNR management activities along the stream corridor on their property. The easement area is generally 66 feet of land from the stream bank on either side of the stream. Easements are perpetual and remain on the land even if it sold or deeded to an heir.

The DNR appreciates your interest in placing a SBP easement on your property. We commend you for your desire to protect our water resources and fish habitat and provide opportunities for public fishing, wildlife observation and the enjoyment of scenic beauty.

If you have further questions regarding the program please visit our website at www.dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/StreamBank or visit www.dnr.wi.gov and search "stream bank protection", or contact DNR Staff listed on the attached page for your region.

Please fill in the following information and return to the DNR office responsible for your region (see map on last page) or you can fill out an online application at the website listed above. If you would rather meet with someone in person to discuss the DNR's easement program please contact a DNR staff person and someone will set up a time to meet with you. If you do choose to fill out the form below you are not committing yourself to selling an easement. This is only an application to get the process started.

Name: «Ownername»

Address: «Address»

«City», «STATE» «Zip»

Home Phone: «DaytimePhone» Cell phone: _____

Email address: _____

Property Address is different than mailing address: _____

Parcel Identification number(s): «CountyParcs» _____

Is your entire stream bank ownership being offered for protection? Yes No

If not, approximate area/length of stream bank to be protected: _____

Is your property along the stream (within 66' of the bank) enrolled in other conservation programs (e.g. Managed Forest Law, Forest Crop Law, CRP, CREP, Wetland Reserve Program, etc)?

Yes No if yes, please identify _____

If there is a possibility that your property would be ideal for a parking area, would you consider a small parking area on your property? Yes No

Would you consider providing a 16.5 foot wide walk-in access from the road to the SBP easement area? Yes No

Is there any additional information that would help us in processing this application?

Before the Department can finalize the easement transaction with you, a title search will be done on your property. The existence of a mortgage, another easement or another conservation or enhancement program agreement does not prohibit placing an easement on your property. It does, however, require that the parties be contacted to obtain their consent to the easement.

If you have a survey or map of your property, please provide a copy with this application. Please outline the approximate easement area on the map or survey, along with any walk-in access or parking area that you would consider selling to the DNR.

This application form is non-binding. The signature of the property owner is requested as an acknowledgment of his/her/their interest in conveying a SBP easement to the DNR. After receipt of this application, Department staff appraisers will determine an easement offering price and then prepare written offer for your consideration.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Stream Bank Protection Program Contacts and Mailing Addresses

