EASEMENT #

**RIM RESERVE EASEMENT AREA ASSESSMENT**

**I. EASEMENT AREA DESCRIPTION**

Sensitive groundwater area:

Sinkhole & contributing area  Wellhead protection area  Other

Wetland restoration area      % of wetland meets crop history requirements

Riparian land area **Adjacent To:** *Common Name or inventory number:*

Stream/River

Lake

Wetland

Marginal agricultural cropland areas

Other eligible land type:

**II. LAND USE INFORMATION *(Check all that apply, and check twice at the predominant use)***

A. What is the current land use of the proposed easement area:

Ag Land: Row Crops  Ag Land: Hay and/or Pasture land

Other:       CRP

Federal or State Waterbank

RIM (Limited Duration)

B. What is the surrounding land use and ownership?

Ag Land  Residential or Commercial

Forest Land  Recreational Land

Public:       Local       State       Federal

Private *(if enrolled in a conservation program please specify program and ID #)*

Other:

**III. WATER QUALITY & EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION INFORMATION**

A. Water quality characteristics of the proposed easement area *(check all that currently apply):*

Within 100-year floodplain

Offsite deposition of sediment into water body is occurring

Contains Wetland(s):       Natural       Restored       Created

Field generally lies:       Perpendicular       Parallel to the riparian source

B. Erosion and sedimentation characteristics of the proposed easement area:

\* Average slope percent:       % \* Average slope length       Feet

\* Erosion type *(check all that apply and check twice at the predominant):*

Wind  Sheet & Rill

Concentrated Flow - ephemeral  Scour

Concentrated Flow - gully

Estimated Average Erosion Rate for the Easement Area:  T/ac/yr.

**IV. FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT INFORMATION:**

A. Present characteristics of the proposed easement area:

Contains endangered/threatened species habitat (please identify species in the narrative below)

Contains Wetland(s):       Natural       Drained       Restored       Created

Contains drained wetlands that will be restored

\* Proposed “upland to wetland” ratio =      :     .

Contains critical nesting habitat for wildlife

Contains critical winter cover habitat for wildlife

Located in a priority landscape area or high priority conservation site as identified by the

DNR’s Natural Heritage program. (Please identify in PART V below.)

**V. GENERAL EASEMENT AREA NARRATIVE INFORMATION (attach addition sheets if needed):**

A. Describe the water quality protection/improvement, erosion, and sedimentation control and wildlife

habitat benefits associated with acquiring a conservation easement on the area.

B. Explain how enrollment of this area will meet the goals and objectives of your comprehensive local

water management plan and your SWCD comprehensive plan.

C. Explain any problems associated with acquiring a conservation easement on the area.

**VI. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

*Check “yes” if the describe situation exists within the proposed easement area, or within 200’ of its boundaries*

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|  |  |  | **YES** |  | **NO** |
| 1. | Signs of a dumpsite, junk pile or disposal pit? |  |  |  |  |
| 2. | Signs of tanks, drums or other containers? |  |  |  |  |
| 3. | Stained soil, unusual odors or chemicals of any kind? |  |  |  |  |
| 4. | Abandoned (unused) wells? |  |  |  |  |
| 5. | Oil sheen’s or discoloration of surface waters? |  |  |  |  |
| 6. | Evidence of a former, existing or future building site? |  |  |  |  |
| 7. | Evidence of a spill or leak (e.g., ruptured pipeline)? |  |  |  |  |
| 8. | Vehicles, farm implements, appliances, tires or batteries? |  |  |  |  |
| 9. | Other (attach explanation) |  |  |  |  |

After conducting a field inspection on  (date) of the proposed easement area, I believe that there **IS /****IS NOT** an apparent contamination potential.

*(Check one)*

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SWCD Representative Name Date