



CREP is

“for the enhancement of water quality by the reduction of sediment and nutrients, and the enhancement of fisheries and wildlife habitats for State and federally listed threatened and endangered species.”



Incentives for 7 conservation practices, designed to:

Provide an opportunity for farmers and ranchers to voluntarily restore riparian and wetland areas

Restore and enhance riparian habitat corridors next to streams, drainage ditches, estuaries, wetlands, and other water courses

Restore up to 15,000 acres of non-riparian wetlands

Provide a mechanism to help farmers comply with the Neuse and Tar-Pamlico Nitrogen Reduction Rules and potential regulations or goals in other watersheds.

Tree Planting (CP3)

Establish Shortleaf pines to enhance environmental benefits



Hardwood Tree Planting (CP3A)

**Establish hardwood trees to
enhance environmental benefits**

CP3A includes Atlantic White Cedar planting



**CP3A includes
Longleaf Pine planting too...**



A photograph of a rural landscape. In the foreground, a wide, green grassy strip runs diagonally from the bottom left towards the center. To the left of this strip is a field of golden-brown crops, likely corn. In the background, there is a line of trees, including a prominent bare tree with white branches. The sky is overcast and grey. The text 'Filter Strip (CP21)' is overlaid in yellow on the left side of the image.

Filter Strip (CP21)

Remove pollutants from surface runoff and shallow subsurface flow

Riparian Forest Buffer (CP22)

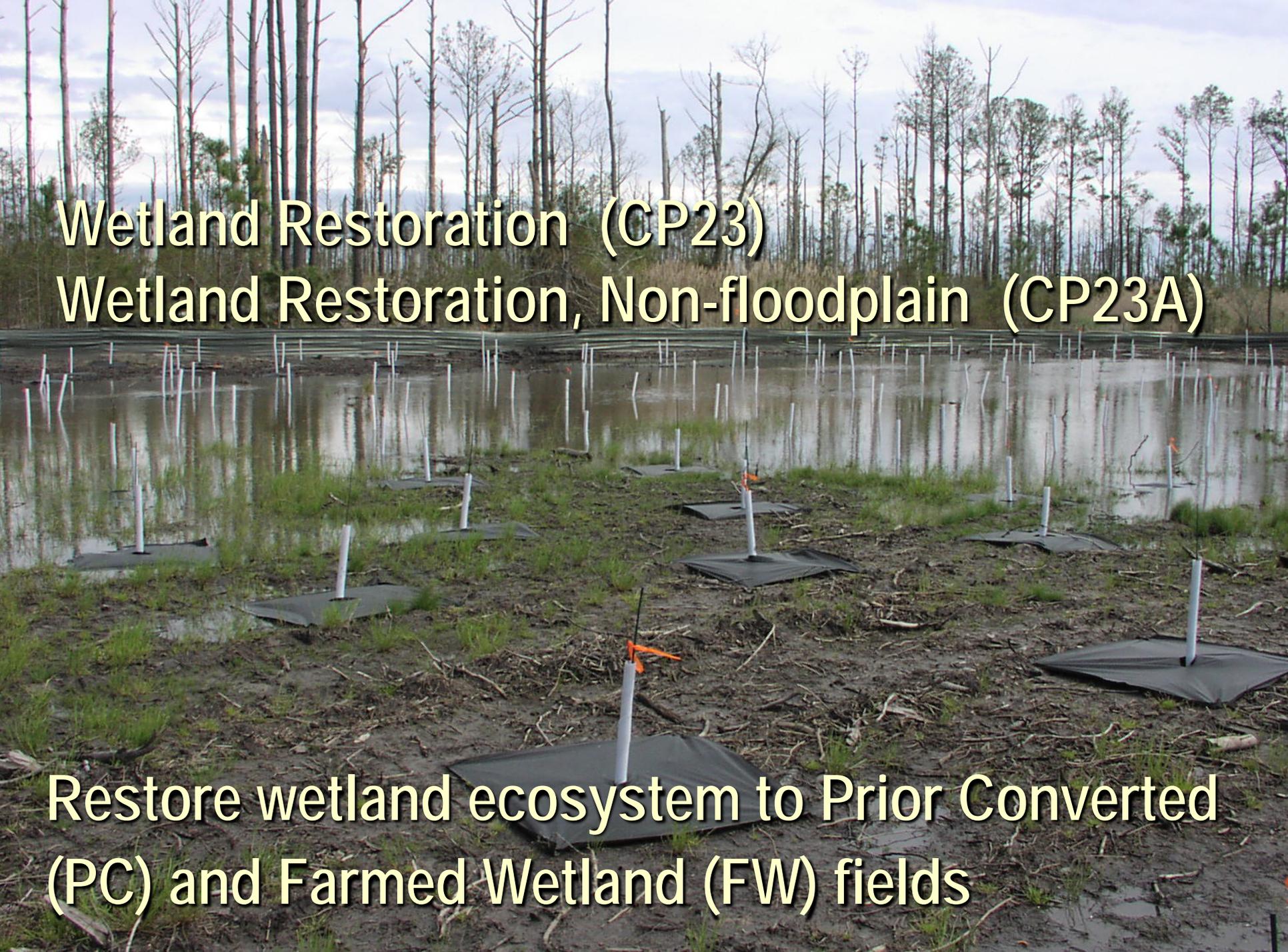


Improve water quality

Lower water temperature

Improve aquatic habitat

Develop habitat for terrestrial wildlife that depend on water

A photograph of a wetland restoration site. The foreground is a muddy, dark brown area with sparse green grass and scattered twigs. Numerous black square markers are placed on the ground, each with a white vertical stake. Some stakes have orange flags attached. In the middle ground, a shallow, calm body of water reflects the sky and the surrounding trees. The background is a dense forest of tall, thin trees, many of which appear to be dead or dormant, with some green foliage visible. The sky is overcast and grey.

Wetland Restoration (CP23)
Wetland Restoration, Non-floodplain (CP23A)

Restore wetland ecosystem to Prior Converted (PC) and Farmed Wetland (FW) fields

Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands (CP31)

Establish stand of at least 3 nut producing trees on 100-yr floodplain to:

- Control erosion
- Reduce water pollution
- Improve habitat
- Sequester carbon

