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MADISON, Wis. (AP) - The state Department of Natural Resources and federal environmental officials have developed a new plan to promote wetland restoration.

Currently the DNR requires parties that get permits to fill in wetlands to offset the impact by either restoring wetlands elsewhere or by purchasing credits from banks established by other entities that have done restoration work.



DNR officials say they've finalized an agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that allows permit holders to purchase credits directly from the DNR, which will use the money to fund wetland restoration projects.

The agency plans to ask the public for possible projects. The corps and EPA must sign off on that spending and the DNR must ensure that work begins within three years.

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