

## **MDWFP Wetland Infrastructure Assistance Program Overview**

Increasing Mississippi's managed wetland habitat is a priority for the MDWFP Waterfowl Program. Using a portion of State Waterfowl Stamp funds, the Waterfowl Program has initiated a program to assist private landowners with wetland infrastructure development. This program will provide a limited number of flashboard riser style water control structures on a competitive ranking basis. In exchange for a flashboard riser, selected landowners will sign a 10-year agreement that specifies the water control structure will be closed to allow flooding from November 15 to March 1 each year. Projects will be competitively ranked and approved based on a set of pre-determined criteria. Properties currently enrolled in CRP or WRP/WRE are not eligible for this program.

To apply, biologists will visit with landowners on the property to offer technical guidance and to record the necessary information for the application process. Applications will be open through August 31, 2020. Approved landowners will be notified in early September. To arrange a property visit and begin the application process, landowners can contact the MDWFP Waterfowl Program at the contact information below:

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