

The attached document “Practical Alternatives Evaluation Template for GP-18, Waterway and Wetland General Permit for Certain Agricultural Water Quality Improvement Activities” is being made available for public review at this time. This guidance was developed to provide external applicants a template to streamline the alternatives analysis process for GP-18, Waterway and Wetland General Permit for Certain Agricultural Water Quality Improvement Activities.

In order to be covered under this general permit, an applicant must demonstrate why the impact to the wetland cannot be avoided and how the impact to the wetland will be minimized to the greatest extent practicable (s. 281.36(3g)(h)1, Wis. Stat). For more information about this general permit, visit <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Waterways/construction/wetlands.html>.

As stated in the notification section of this document, this template is not required to receive coverage under GP-18. Rather, this is an optional template designed to streamline the submittal process for applicants and reviewers and help ensure that complete alternatives evaluations are submitted to the department.

Written comments on the proposed document should be received by closed of business March 30, 2018 to Amanda Minks via email at [DNRWYWRZGuidance@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DNRWYWRZGuidance@wisconsin.gov) or by U. S. mail at DNR-WT/3, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921, phone number 608-264-9223.



<b>III. Analysis to Avoid Wetland Disturbance</b>	
A. Were alternative NRCS technical standards available to address the water quality concern that would avoid wetland impacts: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, describe:	Reason standard was not selected:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Technical constraints <input type="checkbox"/> Logistical constraints <input type="checkbox"/> Shoreland or floodplain constraints <input type="checkbox"/> Other
B. Are uplands present on this property? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
C. Is there a design option to avoid wetland disturbance? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, describe:	Reason design option was not selected:
Reason:	<input type="checkbox"/> Technical constraints <input type="checkbox"/> Logistical constraints <input type="checkbox"/> Shoreland or floodplain constraints <input type="checkbox"/> Other
<b>IV. Analysis to Minimize Wetland Disturbance</b>	
A. Check the types of minimization activities selected to minimize the wetland impacts:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reconfigure practice design within the property boundary <input type="checkbox"/> Change design elements of the project (example: side slope, width) <input type="checkbox"/> Eliminating portions of the project <input type="checkbox"/> Add project elements to enhance remaining wetland complex <input type="checkbox"/> Include wetland plant species in vegetation plan <input type="checkbox"/> Other, describe:	
B. Description of Alternatives	
<input type="checkbox"/> Alternatives are attached in a separate document <input type="checkbox"/> Alternatives are described below	
Alternative 1.	Can this alternative still meet the project purpose? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Alternative 2.	Can this alternative still meet the project purpose? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Alternative 3.	Can this alternative still meet the project purpose? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No