

Hunter Walk in Access Program Coming to Minnesota

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Southwest Minnesota will have a new hunter Walk In Access Program in place for the fall 2011 hunting seasons. An opportunity for landowners in Lac qui Parle County to earn extra income by opening land for public hunting is coming.

The program will be administered and implemented through the Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District. The District is currently in the process of looking for interested landowners who would be willing to allow open access for hunting on their land. The first year of this pilot program and will target CREP, RIM, and CRP acres that provide quality wildlife habitats for hunting, while reimbursing the landowner with an annual rental payment.

Landowners with quality wildlife habitat can expect a \$10-13 per acre annual payment for opening their land to public hunting. Landowner liability will be addressed along with an opt out clause that would allow landowners to withdraw from the program with a 30 day written notice.

The Walk In Access Program could be a win win for landowners looking for additional income, and hunters looking for quality hunting land. The Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District would like to hear from interested land owners at 320-598-7321 ext3 or stop in the office, located at 122 8th Avenue South, Suite 1, Madison, Minnesota.