

## Easement Criteria

The easement criteria is based on biological data to protect wetland habitat in North Dakota. Goals of the program are to protect areas with abundant wetlands which are surrounded by existing native grassland. Guidelines for the Trust's Midterm Conservation Easement Program are listed below.

1. Property should be located within one of the three priority areas along the Missouri Coteau Region of North Dakota. (The map shows the three priority areas.)

2. Easements will be taken on tracts that are 160 acres or larger.

3. Vegetation must be unbroken native prairie or restored native vegetation.

4. Wetland habitat should range between 15-60% of the total acreage offered.

