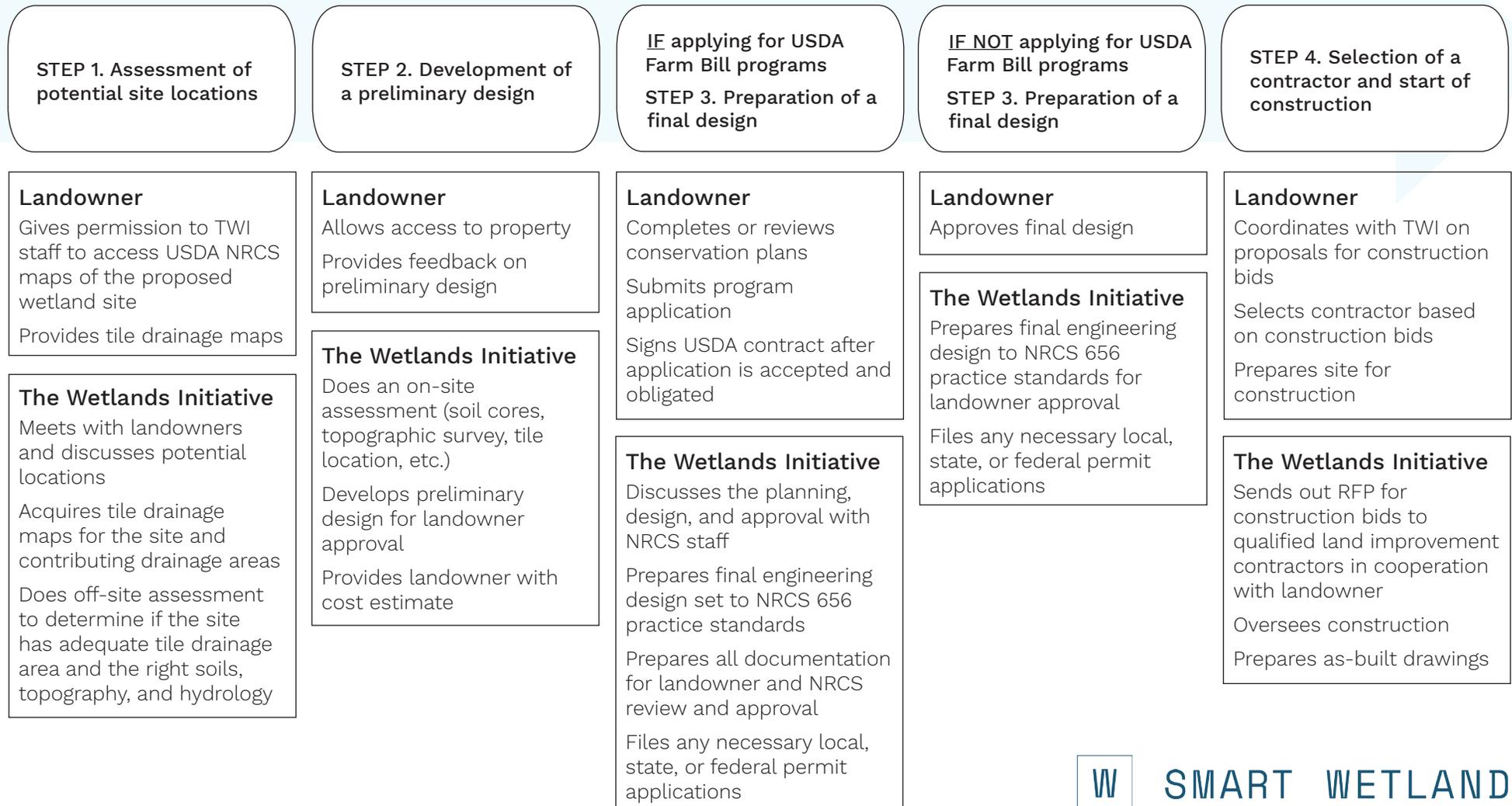


4-Step Process Toward Implementation of a Constructed Wetland for Cropland Tile Drainage Treatment

Should a constructed wetland be included in your farm’s nutrient loss reduction strategy? You may be a good candidate for a constructed wetland for cropland tile drainage treatment if:

- You have a desire to reduce excess nutrient runoff from you cropland
- Your land is tile-drained
- You have marginal, low-revenue land; areas along a ditch or stream

If you are interested, the Wetlands Initiative will provide you free technical assistance throughout the 4-step process toward implementation.



SMART WETLANDS

A Nutrient Reduction Solution for Tiled Cropland

Smart Wetlands are a long-lasting, cost-efficient strategy for keeping nutrients on farms and out of waterways. The constructed wetland is “smart” because it is:

- **specifically sited** and designed to reduce nutrient loss via your farm’s tile drainage system
- a **measurable** practice in terms of directly monitoring nutrient removal
- in **alignment** with Illinois’ systems approach to nutrient loss reduction
- a **resilient** and relevant practice for a sustainable and productive farming operation
- a **time-saving** practice that can remove nutrients for 30+ years with very little maintenance

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