



Conservation Easements

Protecting and Enhancing our Natural Resources

The Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) has two major easement programs.

Wetland Reserve Easements (formally the Wetlands Reserve Program) pay landowners directly to restore, enhance and protect altered or drained wetlands on their properties.

Agricultural Land Easements (formally the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program) works through Indian tribes, state and local governments and non-governmental organizations to protect working land.

Contact your local NRCS Service Center for more information on how we can help you.

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If wet fields are costing you time and money, a Wetland Reserve Easement may be the answer!

- Restored wetlands protect the land from soil erosion, reduce flooding, provide wildlife habitat, improve water quality, recharge groundwater and protect biological diversity.
- Landowners are paid on a per acre basis to restore, enhance or protect their wetlands and associated areas for either 30 years or permanently.
- The land remains in private ownership and the landowner retains control of access for the duration of the easement.