



NRCS Conservation Programs

NRCS Conservation Programs Part II



Creating an inclusive, high-performance organization



Module Purpose & Learning Objectives

- Participants will review intent, targeted audience, general information, and application instructions associated with NRCS' conservation easement programs to gain an awareness of these programs.**



Overview

- **Conservation Easement Programs:**
 - » **Intent**
 - » **Targeted Audience**
 - » **Information**



- **Conservation Easement Programs include:**
 - **Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program (FRPP)**
 - **Grasslands Reserve Program (GRP)**
 - **Healthy Forests Reserve Program (HFRP)**
 - **Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)**



- **What is a Conservation Easement?**
 - Deed restrictions landowners voluntarily place on their property to protect certain conservation values such as wildlife habitat or agricultural use
 - The easement typically removes all or most of the development rights from the land
 - Future owners are bound by the terms of the easement, as it is legally recorded and attached to the property deed



Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program (FRPP)

– Intent

» Keep productive farm and ranchland in agricultural uses

– Targeted Audience:

» State, Tribal, or local governments and non-governmental organizations (cooperating entities) with existing farmland preservation programs set up to acquire conservation easements from private farm and ranchland owners



- **Grasslands Reserve Program (GRP)**
 - **Intent**
 - » **Protect, restore and enhance grassland, including rangeland, pastureland and shrubland**
 - **Targeted Audience**
 - » **Owners of land (private and Tribes) and operators**



- **Healthy Forests Reserve Program (HFRP)**
 - **Intent**
 - » **Restore and enhance forest ecosystems**
 - **Targeted Audience:**
 - **Owners of land (private and Tribes) where enrollment will restore, enhance, or measurably increase the likelihood of recovery of a endangered or threatened species, improve biological diversity and increase carbon sequestration**



- **Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)**
 - **Intent**
 - » **Protect, restore and enhance wetlands**
 - **Targeted Audience:**
 - » **Owners (private and Tribes) of farmed wetlands or wetlands converted prior to December 23, 1985, and adjacent lands that maximize wildlife benefits.**



- **Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)**
 - **Enrollment Options:**
 - » **Restoration Cost-Share Agreement (10-year agreement)**
 - » **30-Year Contract (Tribes only)**
 - » **30-Year or Permanent Easement**



Knowledge Check

What is a conservation easement?

What program is designed to keep productive farm and range lands in agricultural uses ?



Summary

- Conservation easements are deed restrictions that landowners voluntarily place on their property to protect certain conservation values such as wildlife habitat or agricultural use.



- **Summary**

- Intent, targeted audience, general information, and application instructions for the
 - » **Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program (FRPP)**
 - » **Grasslands Reserve Program (GRP)**
 - » **Healthy Forests Reserve Program (HFRP)**
 - » **Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)**



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