



**Natural Resources Conservation Service
Regional Conservation Partnership Program
State Conservationist Questionnaire - Easement Addendum**

Lead Partner Name:

Project Name:

Signature:

Date:

1. What conservation benefits are you hoping to achieve by enrolling easements? Which NRCS resource concerns will be addressed by these conservation benefits?
2. Considering whether the project is Alternative Funding Arrangement (AFA) or Classic, do you intend to include US-held easements, Entity-held easements, or both?
3. *For Critical Conservation Area (CCA) funded projects only*, which of the resource concerns identified in Question #1 address at least one of the CCA Priority Resource Concerns (PRC)?
4. What is your familiarity with the requirements associated with acquiring easements? (valuation methodologies, title clearance, hazardous materials reviews, legal surveys, closing, etc.)
5. Do you have specific parcels targeted for easement acquisition? If not, do you have plans to identify parcels for enrollment?
6. For **Entity-Held Easement** activities:
 - a. Which partner involved in the project has the authority to acquire, manage, steward, and monitor easements of the type that you wish to enroll? Will there be other entities involved in the easement acquisition as coholders or third-party right holders, and if so, what is their role?
 - b. Do you plan for these easements to provide for a US right of enforcement? (Classic only)
 - c. Is the acquiring easement partner certified under the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program?
 - d. Do you currently have funds and/or staff secured for proposed contributions, easement acquisition activities, monitoring, and stewardship?
 - e. Do you intend to buy a conservation easement using a before and after appraisal with standard deed language? If not, do you have an alternative valuation method and/or customized deed language you will request?
7. For **U.S.-Held Easement** activities:
 - a. What involvement do you expect to have in U.S. Held Easement enrollments?
 - b. Are you aware that using alternative valuation methods to determine the easement cost will require review and approval?
 - c. Do you anticipate restoration of the enrolled U.S.-Held easements? If yes, will you be requesting restoration funding through RCPP?