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## General Comment

Currently 20% of the 50 states have not received FRP funding according to 2007 stats. Two of those states, IA and IL, are home to some of the most productive farmland in the nation. Obtaining easements must be simplified to reach our goal of protecting farmland. Requirements for easement terms and conditions should reflect the new interpretation for "contingent right of enforcement". Establishment of a certification procedure would cut down on administrative review by entities that have experience in easement procurement. The impervious surface rulings need to reflect the use of the land for agriculture and not a set numerical standard. The NRCS should be enabled to rank projects according to topsoil, development pressure, proximity to other farms, importance as a local food security source, and not on federal criteria that often contradicts itself. Please make this program more user friendly, because our nation has already jeopardized too much prime farmland for "economic gain" that is actually funded on the backs of taxpayers. We can't grow food on cement.