

Hawaii CREP Goals

It is the intent of USDA and the State of Hawaii that the Hawaii CREP seek to achieve the following goals for the six main Hawaiian Islands when fully implemented:

- *Reduce Sediment and nutrient runoff by 10 percent from current levels.*
- *Increase coral reef cover by 5 percent and substantially increase coral diversity on coral reefs throughout the State.*
- *Improve wildlife and plant habitats of at least 10 threatened or endangered species through restoration of native forest ecosystems and riparian buffers.*
- *Reforestation of native vegetation in riparian buffer zones as well as rare and declining native habitats.*
- *Increase groundwater recharge through the planting of trees in upland pastures.*
- *Reduction in control of invasive species in watersheds within the Hawaii CREP areas.*



The Hawaii Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is a partnership between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the State of Hawaii to address state specific environmental concerns.

Through CREP, program participants receive financial incentives to voluntarily enroll and remove cropland and pastureland from agricultural production and convert the land to native trees, shrubs, grasses, and other vegetation.

The USDA Farm Service Agency and Natural Resource Conservation Service and the State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources work together to implement the Hawaii CREP to 'Restoring Our Islands Mauka to Makai'.



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CP3A Hardwood Tree Planting



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Definition

Establishing woody plants by planting seedlings or cuttings, direct seeding, or natural regeneration.

Purpose

Establish woody plants for:

- forest products such as timber, pulpwood, and energy biomass
- wildlife habitat
- long-term erosion control and improvement of water quality
- treating waste
- storing carbon in biomass
- energy conservation
- improving or restoring natural diversity
- enhancing aesthetics.

Annual Payment Rate:

- Based on Soil Rental Rate for the three predominate soils on the eligible cropland offered acres (\$140 - \$225)

Cost Share:

- Cost for installation of eligible practices reimbursed at 50% of an established payment schedule.

Other Payments:

- Yearly maintenance payment - \$7 per acre.
- Mid-term Management payment - \$150 per year per acre available 3 times during the contract (not to exceed \$450/acre).

State DLNR Bonus Payment:

- A Hawaii CREP Incentive Payment (HCIP) in the amount of \$17 per acre per year for all CREP acreage enrolled into CRP practices.
- Funds may also be available for reimbursement of eligible cost-share practices. Eligible practices are to be determined by the State each year and will be available to enrolled participants.

Payment and Contract Duration:

14 -15 years

Hawaii Recommended Practices:

- 327 - Conservation Cover
- 382 - Fencing
- 383 - Fuel Break
- 595 - Pest Management
- 612 - Tree/Shrub Establishment
- 644 - Wetland Wildlife Habitat Mgt
- 645 - Upland Wildlife Habitat Mgt

Location:

Conservation practices are limited to eligible land meeting FSA's cropland definition, "land planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity 4 of the 6 years from 1996 to 2001 and be physically and legally capable of being planted in normal manner to an agricultural commodity"

Size:

There is no minimum or maximum acre size for this practice.

Type of Cover:

- Native Hardwood trees (may contain softwoods under certain conditions).
- Non-native non-invasive species may be considered under certain conditions.

Practice Specifications:

Practice and vegetation shall conform to NRCS Technical Guide Specification.

Conservation Easements:

Landowners enrolled in the Hawaii CREP may donate a conservation easement to the State of Hawaii. Funds may be available for a bargain purchase based on competitive grant requested. For more information contact DLNR-DOFAW.

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