



**Agricultural Conservation Easement Program-Agricultural Land
Easements (ACEP-ALE) Fiscal Year 2023
Statewide Screening Worksheet**

NRCS INTERNAL USE ONLY

**A Screening Worksheet must be completed by NRCS for each eligible
FY23 ACEP-ALE parcel application.**

Eligible Entity Name (State or Local Government Agency):	Program Agreement Number:
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Landowner(s) Name:	Parcel Application Number:
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Under ACEP-ALE, NRCS provides cost-share assistance to Eligible Entities (State or Local Government Agency) to purchase agricultural land easements from eligible landowners to protect the agricultural use, including grazing uses, and related conservation values on eligible lands. Applications are screened and ranked based on the expected conservation benefits of the purchase of agricultural easement. This screening worksheet must be completed for each eligible parcel applying for easement financial assistance. The goal of this screening tool is to ensure that conservation technical assistance and ACEP-ALE program benefits are managed efficiently and equitably to address priority easement needs. Completion of this worksheet and documentation does not constitute an agreement to provide ACEP-ALE program benefits nor approval of a easement purchase.

If the parcel application is eligible, the original screening worksheet will be filed with the parcel application case file, uploaded to DMS, and screening priority (High / Medium) recorded in Protracts. If the parcel application is determined to be ineligible, the parcel will be marked ineligible in Protracts and screening worksheet uploaded to DMS. A copy of any completed screening worksheet will be provided to the Eligible Entity or landowner(s) upon request. **Easement CART ranking will occur first on High screened applications. If funds are still available, then Medium applications could be ranked in CART for additional easement purchasing.**

If any bullet is YES, move eligibility status as INELIGIBLE in ProTracts.	Does the parcel(s) have unacceptable Access Issues? CPM440.528.34B(6) Does the parcel(s) have mineral exploration rights on which gas, oil, earth, hard rock, stone, gravel, geothermal, or mineral rights exploration has been leased or is owned by someone other than listed name(s) on the deed and does not meet all exception criteria under CPM440.528.34B(7)(i-iii)
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If any bullet is answered YES, screen Medium Priority status in ProTracts.	Does any landowner(s) on the deed not exist in FSA Subsidiary Report? Does any landowner(s) on the deed have a "No" status with AD1026, FTE, AGI, and 902 requirements on Subsidiary Report? Does the Eligible Entity not have a current/active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM)? Does the Eligible Entity not exist in FSA Subsidiary Report, or all required FSA eligibility items are not completed? Does impervious surfaces exceed 2 percent of the ACEP-ALE easement area, excluding NRCS- approved conservation practices? CPM440.528.60F(1) Is the application package missing any required document, or application documents are merged together? CPM440.528.40A(4)(5) In the previous fiscal year, did the Eligible Entity fail to submit all required annual monitoring report by August 31st, for ALE or FRPP easements they hold? CPM440.528.32C(2)(i)
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NOTES:

Document the easement application screening priority on this sheet and in Protracts. Sign document and upload document to DMS to complete the screening process. **If no item above is selected, mark as High screening.**

Application Screening Priority:	Ineligible	MEDIUM	HIGH
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First Level Reviewer Signature & Date:	
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NRCS Second Level Concurrence Signature & Date:	
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