

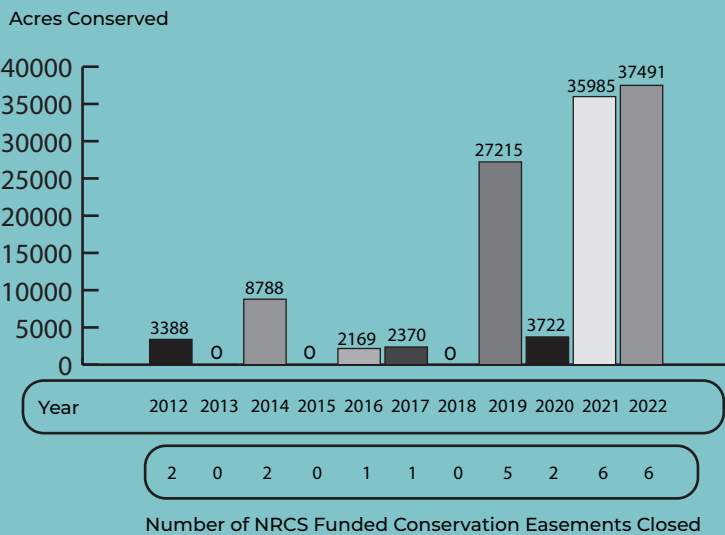


# Conserving & **Montana** Protecting



Since 1978, The Montana Land Reliance (MLR) has partnered with Montana's landowners to permanently protect agricultural lands, fish and wildlife habitat, and open space through conservation easements.

## EASEMENTS CLOSED SINCE 2012



## TO LEARN MORE

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service  
[www.mt.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.mt.nrcs.usda.gov)

The Montana Land Reliance  
<https://mtlandreliance.org>

## CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

A conservation easement is a voluntary legal agreement between a landowner and a land trust like MLR that permanently limits the uses of the land to protect its agricultural and conservation values.

## BENEFITS

The lasting benefits of MLR's work are the perpetuation of a lifestyle and an economy that rely on responsibly managed private land and increasingly valuable Montana open spaces that will continue to nourish the spirit of future generations.

## PARTNERS

One of MLR's most important partners who make easements happen is the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. The USDA agency provides funding through its Agricultural Conservation Easement Program.

## MORE EASEMENTS

In the last 10 years alone, the partnership has helped MLR triple the number of conservation easements it purchases from interested landowners and increase the acreage protected by those easements by a factor of 10.