



NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE OHIO

Wetland Reserve Easement and Wetland Reserve Program Landowner Newsletter

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Now Accepting Applications

Fiscal year 2024 is in full swing! To celebrate we have announced our 2024 batching dates. This year, we will have two batching periods for applications under Agricultural Conservation Easement Program, Wetland Reserve Easements (ACEP-WRE). While ACEP-WRE applications are accepted continuously, we have set the following batching periods:

November 15, 2023 and February 16, 2024

Applications received after February 16, 2024 will be deferred to fiscal year 2025. We have two funding sources this year, allowing us to fund more applications than ever. If you or anyone you know is interested in protecting private lands for perpetuity, don't hesitate to get in touch with one of our NRCS Wetland Team Leaders,

- Chris Eidson, at (614) 338-5042 or Christopher.eidson@usda.gov,
- Nathan Weber at (614) 406-3179 or Nathan.weber@usda.gov
- Davis Drumm, at Davis.drumm@usda.gov

30 Year Easement Conversions

Do you currently own property that is enrolled as a 30-year Easement? Did you know that as your easement ages, the easement may be able to convert over to a permanent easement. First step includes filling out an application (CPA 1200). If you would like more information, please contact us at easementprogram@usda.gov



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Need repairs or invasive species control on your easement?

If the NRCS easement on your property needs structural repairs, you may be eligible for these repairs to be funded and completed by NRCS. Structural issues warranting repairs may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Dike deterioration
- Stream and wetland erosion
- Water control structure maintenance/repairs

If you have noticed invasive species that are outcompeting your native vegetation on your NRCS easement, you may be eligible to have invasive species control funded and completed by NRCS. Common invasive species in Ohio that you may encounter on your easement include:

- Autumn Olive
- Bush Honeysuckle
- Canada Thistle
- Teasel
- Callery Pear
- Phragmites
- Reed Canary Grass



Requests will be evaluated by NRCS, giving higher priority to projects that will have the largest impact on improving the conservation values for which the easement was originally acquired. To request consideration for funding, please contact the Ohio easement staff via email at easementprogram@usda.gov or by phone at 614-255-2442.

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