

**2017 Agricultural Conservation Easements Program
Agricultural Land Easements (ACEP-ALE)
Pre-application Assessment Tool**

Entity Name: _____

Contact Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Landowner Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

County: _____

This section is to be filled out by the entity submitting the application:
Parcel Eligibility: To be eligible for enrollment in the ACEP-ALE program, the offered acres must be privately owned. (Circle One)

<p>1. Is the parcel being offered privately owned?</p>	<p>Yes. Proceed to Box 2.</p> <p>No. Application is not eligible for ACEP-ALE.</p>
<p>To enroll in ACEP-ALE, the landowner must be in compliance with the highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions of the 1985 Farm Bill as amended and must also be in compliance with Adjusted Gross Income Provision of the 2014 Farm Bill.</p>	
<p>2. Does the landowner meet the Adjusted Gross Income requirement and the Highly Erodible Land and Wetlands provisions?</p>	<p>Yes. Proceed to Box 3.</p> <p>No. Application is not eligible for ACEP-ALE.</p>
<p>3. Is there an Option Agreement to Purchase (OATP) or Pending Offer in place between the landowner and submitting entity?</p>	<p>Yes. Proceed to Box 4.</p> <p>No. Application is not eligible for ACEP-ALE.</p>
<p>4. Is there at least 33% of the parcel devoted to agricultural use, OR does the parcel contain historic or archaeological resources?</p>	<p>Yes. Proceed to Box 5.</p> <p>No. Application is not eligible for ACEP-ALE.</p>
<p>5. The parcel IS NOT encumbered by an existing easement or deed restriction that limits or prohibits agricultural production.</p>	<p>Yes. Proceed to Box 6.</p> <p>No. Application is not eligible for ACEP-ALE.</p>
<p>6. Is the parcel going to be placed under a Purchase of Development Rights easement that is perpetual?</p>	<p>Yes. Proceed to Box 7.</p> <p>No. Application is not eligible for ACEP-ALE.</p>

<p>7. Does the entity submitting the application for ACEP-ALE funding have funds available equal to 50% of the purchase prices and at least 25% of that in cash when accompanied by a landowner donation?</p>	<p>Yes. Proceed to Box 8.</p> <p>No. Application is not eligible for ACEP-ALE without a waiver. See the ACEP-ALE waiver worksheet.</p>
<p>8. Does the entity submitting the application have the legal authority to acquire, hold, manage, monitor and enforce the easement?</p>	<p>Yes. Proceed to Box 9.</p> <p>No. Application is not eligible for ACEP-ALE</p>
<p>9. Does the entity require the implementation of an NRCS Approved Agricultural Land Easement Plan and the landowner agrees to implement the plan within a specified period of time as required by the conservation easement?</p>	<p>Yes. Proceed to Box 10.</p> <p>No. Application is not eligible for ACEP-ALE</p>
<p>Entity Certification:</p> <p>Signature: _____ Date: _____</p>	