

**Agricultural Conservation Easement Program–Wetland Reserve Easement
Application Questionnaire
(To be submitted with application)**

(Applicant Name)

Enrollment Options (select one)

 30-Year Easement: The federal government provides 75% of the determined value of the land to the landowner to acquire a 30–year easement on the enrolled land. In addition, the government may provide up to 75% of the cost of the wetland restoration. The landowner is responsible for a minimum of 25% of the restoration costs.

 Permanent Easement: The federal government provides 100% of the determined value of the land to the landowner to acquire a permanent easement (forever) on the enrolled land. In addition, the government can provide up to 100% of the cost of the wetland restoration.

 30-Year Contract with Indian Tribes: The federal government provides 75% of the determined value of the land to the landowner to acquire a 30–year contract on the enrolled land. In addition, the government may provide up to 75% of the cost of the wetland restoration. The landowner is responsible for a minimum of 25% of the restoration costs.

Please also complete items 1-13

1. Land has been owned for at least two (2) years. Yes ___ No ___ (copy of deed provided) If no, landowner waiver request letter will be required to proceed.
2. I am aware that the easement purchase amount will be based on an individual appraisal of the offer area, Geographical Area Rate Cap amount for the county where the land is located, or landowner offer, whichever is less (as determined by NRCS). Yes ___ No ___
3. I understand that the federal government is purchasing the surfaces rights of my property to restore wetland and an adjacent buffer. I also understand that the purchase will be considered income reported on an IRS 1099 form. Yes ___ No ___
4. Does the offer area include any Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres?
Yes ___ No ___
5. Are there any pipelines or other utility easements that cross the offer area?
Yes ___ No ___
6. Are mineral rights to the land severed in whole or in part? Yes _____ No _____

7. Are there any active oil or gas leases on the offer area? Yes ___ No ___
8. Does the application offer area contain cropland? Yes ___ No ___
9. What are the current crop(s) growing on the offer area? _____
10. What is your normal cropping rotation? _____
11. Has there been any past drainage on the cropland? Yes ___ No ___
If yes, describe drainage that has occurred.
12. Does the application offer area contain pasture or hay land? Yes ___ No ___
13. Has there been any past drainage in pasture or hay land? Yes ___ No ___
If yes, describe drainage that has occurred:

Landowner(s)/Landowner Representative Signature

Date