

ACEP-WRE Easement Compensation Summary & Landowner Offer Worksheet

The Secretary of Agriculture is required to pay as compensation for an Agricultural Conservation Easement Program – Wetlands Reserve Easement (ACEP-WRE) easement the lowest of the following three (3) values:

1. The fair market value (FMV) of the offered easement area (as determined by an appraisal or a market analysis);
2. The current fiscal year's Geographic Area Rate Cap (GARC), which Colorado NRCS determined will be 80% of the Appraised FMV, not to exceed \$4,000.00/acre. The GARC is implemented as follows:
 - a. For permanent easements, compensation is 100% of the GARC value
 - b. For 30-year easements, the compensation is 75% of the GARC value
3. The offer made by the landowner. A landowner is not required to make an offer different than the GARC. However, during a competitive funding cycle, a lower offer may improve the chances for funding.

I, _____, hereby offer to accept the
(Landowner Names)
following as compensation for conveyance of a _____ ACEP-WRE easement to
(Permanent/30-Year)
the United States (select one):

Current Fiscal Year GARC

Other offer: _____% of FMV OR \$ _____ per acre

If any part of the easement value, cost of restoration, or other expenditure (monetary or in-kind) will be donated or funded by a party other than NRCS (including landowner donations), I have provided details in an addendum to this worksheet. Further, I understand that the offered value is subject to change based upon results of an individual appraisal or market analysis, and that the value that will be compensated is not final until an Agreement to Purchase a Conservation Easement (LTP-31) or Agreement to Enter Contract for 30-Year Land Use (LTP-40) is signed by both parties.

Landowner Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

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Addendum

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