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ACEP Components

Agricultural Land Easements (ACEP-ALE)	Wetland Reserve Easements (ACEP-WRE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consolidated the purposes and functions of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program- FRPP• Farmland Protection Program-FPP• Grassland Reserve Program-GRP• NRCS provides matching funds (50%) to eligible entities for the purchase of agricultural land easements.• The United States obtains a third party right of enforcement (Entity Held Easement)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consolidated the purposes and functions of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wetlands Reserve Program-WRP• Emergency Wetlands Reserve Program-EWRP• NRCS purchases easements directly from private and Tribal landowners through a reserved interest deed in eligible land to restore, protect, and enhance wetlands and associated lands.• The United States obtains a right of enforcement. (US Held Easement)

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