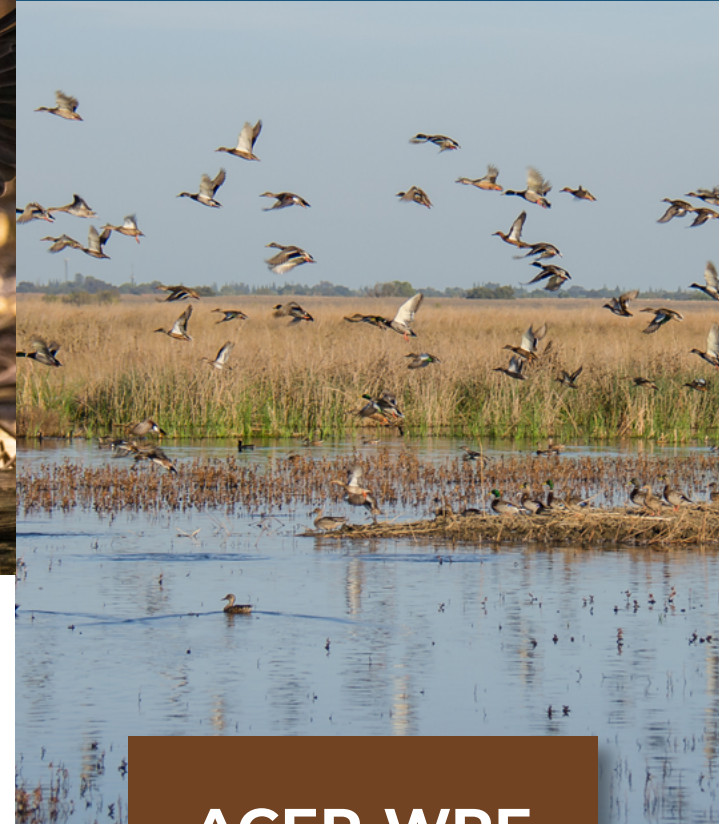
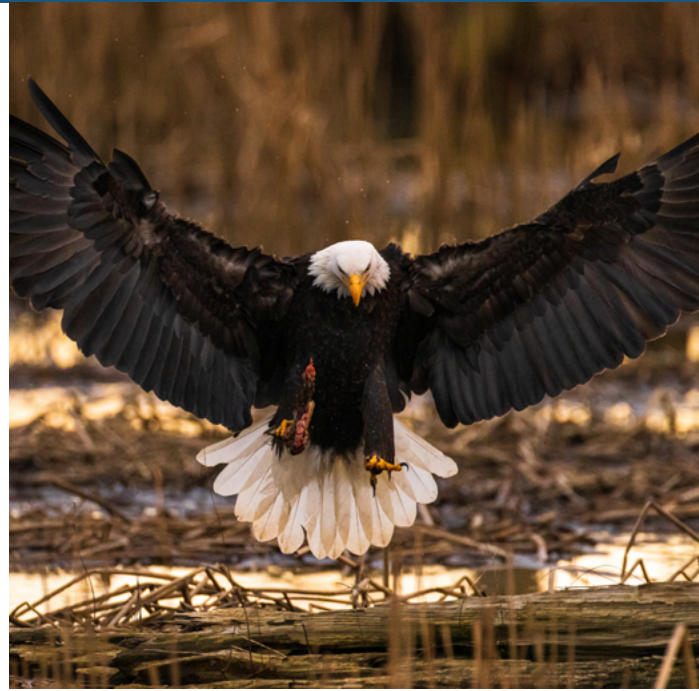


## How to Apply:

- ✓ Contact the NRCS Easement Team to discuss potential eligibility of your farm and review process.
- ✓ Submit conservation program application (CPA-1200). All landowners must sign the application.
- ✓ Submit ownership deed with application.
- ✓ Discuss length of ownership with Easement team.



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## Visit your Local Farm Service Agency (FSA) Office for the following documents needed for the application:

- ✓ Every entity, member, and individual listed on the deed must have records established with the Farm Service Agency.
- ✓ CCC-902E/I Farm operation plan.
- ✓ AD-1026 Highly Erodible Land (HEL) certification.
- ✓ CCC-941, Adjusted gross income verification for individuals, entities and all members.

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# ACEP-WRE



## ACEP-WRE FAQs

### Benefits of ACEP-WRE

- ✓ The Agricultural Conservation Easement Program - Wetland Reserve Easement (ACEP-WRE) provides financial and technical assistance to landowners with a permanent conservation easement.
- ✓ The landowner still owns their property and can use it for recreational purposes.
- ✓ NRCS will restore wetlands by planting trees and enhancing wetland functions and habitat.
- ✓ Benefits of wetlands include wildlife habitat, improved water quality, storage of flood waters and recreation.

- ✓ The program is competitive. All applications are ranked and there is never a guarantee of enrollment.
- ✓ All development and management rights are purchased by NRCS through the easement acquisition.
- ✓ Landowners may be granted management rights under a Compatible Use Authorization for activities such as planting wildlife food plots.
- ✓ The majority of WRE easements are in perpetuity, however 30-year easements may be an option.
- ✓ There are several prohibitions on the Warranty Easement Deed, including haying, grazing, cropping, structures, etc.
- ✓ Landowners reserve the right to subsurface resources, however they must be accessed from outside of the easement area.



## ACEP-WRE Process

- ✓ Landowner submits application.
- ✓ NRCS schedules site evaluation and conducts preliminary restoration planning.
- ✓ Applications are selected for funding and agreement to purchase is executed.
- ✓ Closing - Exchange of money.
- ✓ Restoration (Hydrology and Vegetative).
- ✓ Annual monitoring by NRCS and partners.