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# ACEP Introduction

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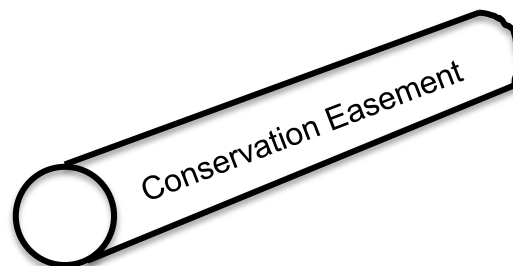
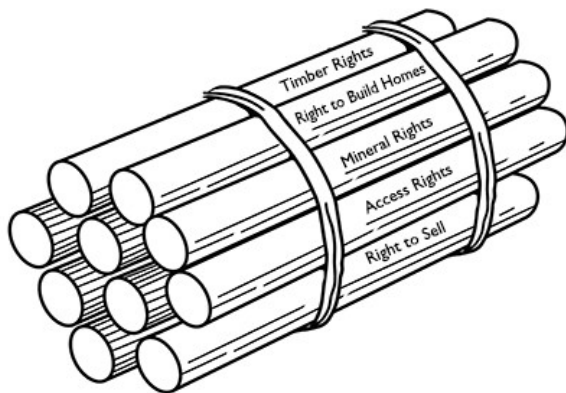
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# ACEP – What is a Conservation Easement?

## Conservation Easement

Power invested in a qualified conservation organization or government to constrain the exercise of rights otherwise held by a landowner so as to achieve certain conservation purposes.



## Conservation Easements

One of the rights in the bundle of property rights

Voluntarily sold or donated by landowner

Conservation purposes



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# Conservation Easement History via Farm Bill

- 1985 – Food Security Act
- 1990 – Food, Agriculture Conservation and Tract Act
- 1996 – Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act
- 2002 – Farm Security and Rural Investment Act
- 2008 – Food Conservation and Energy Act
- 2014 – Agriculture Act of 2014
- 2018 – Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018
- 2023 - TBD

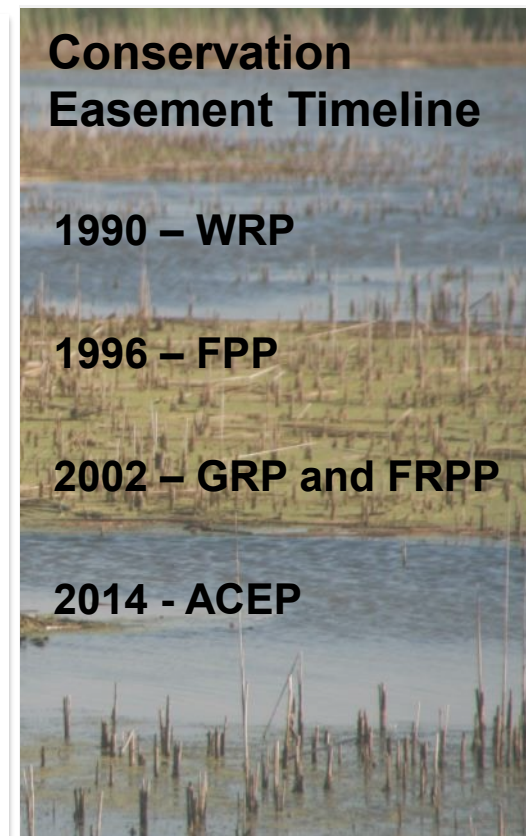
## Conservation Easement Timeline

1990 – WRP

1996 – FPP

2002 – GRP and FRPP

2014 - ACEP



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# ACEP – Currently



## ALE & GSS

Protect the long-term viability of working lands from non-agricultural uses.

## WRE & WREP

Provide habitat for fish, migratory birds and wildlife, improve water quality, reduce flooding, and recharge groundwater.

### Conservation Easements

ALE & GSS – Working Lands

WRE & WREP – Migratory Bird Habitat

Other/Old Programs

EWPP-FPE

EWRP

FRPP

GRP

RCPP

WRP



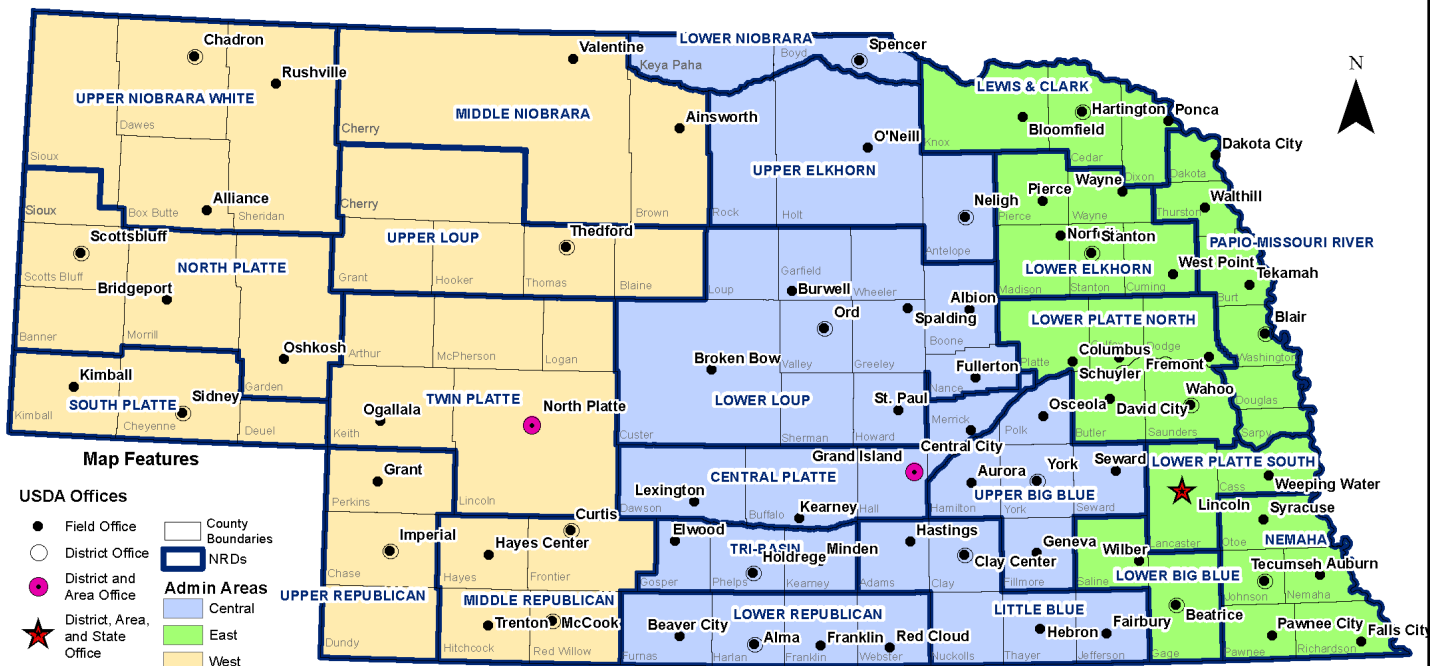
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# ACEP in Nebraska

## Current Nebraska NRCS Operations & Area Easement Teams



### West Area

Brian Dierberger - Area Easement Specialist  
 - North Platte Area Office  
 Stephen Smith - Game and Parks  
 - North Platte Area Office

### State Office

Bryan Euse - ACES Easement Restoration Specialist  
 Shawn McVey - Easement Restoration Specialist  
 Thomas Schleif - ACES Easement Restoration Specialist

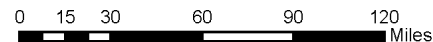
### Central Area

Vacant - Area Easement Specialist  
 - Restoration Monitoring  
 Kristi Schleif - Area Easement Specialist  
 - Restoration Monitoring  
 Michelle Steffen - Program Assistant  
 - Grand Island Area Office  
 Krystal Church - Partner Habitat Specialist

### East Area

David Bichmeier - Area Easement Specialist  
 - Columbus Field Office  
 Eric Hopps - Area Easement Specialist  
 - Syracuse Field Office  
 Theresa Smydra - Easement Biologist  
 - Bloomfield Field Office  
 Don Doty - ACES Easement Employee  
 - Blair Field Office

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## Who Works on Easements

- Landowner
- Appraiser
- Surveyor
- Realty Specialists
- Financial Mgmt
- Title Company
- Attorney (OGC)
- Internal Controls
- Wildlife Organizations and Agencies

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