



Introduction & Overview

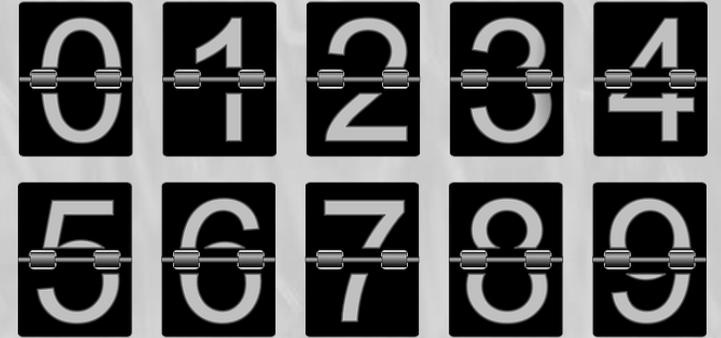
Missy Baier & Roger Yerdon

ACEP Structure

- New ASTC position – Water Resources and Easements
 - Missy (Melissa) Baier
- New Easement Program Manager position
 - Roger Yerdon
- Two existing Easement Coordinator/Reality Specialists

Vision & Goals

- Currently in Nebraska
- Emergency Watershed Protection Program Floodplain Easements (EWPP-FPE)
 - 16 easements for 2,601 acres
- ACEP – Wetland Reserve Easements (RCPP-WRE, WRP, EWRP)
 - 684 easements for 79,660 acres
- ACEP – Agricultural Land Easements (ALE, RCPP-ALE, FRPP, GRP)
 - 40 easements for 59,194 acres





Vision & Goals

- Moving Forward
 - Focus on best-fit applications
 - Stewardship of existing easements
 - CUAs
 - CPCs
 - Partnerships



National Benchmarks

- Primary Benchmark
 - Land Under Protection by Conservation Easements
- Secondary Benchmarks
 - Practices Applied to Reduce Soil Erosion or Improve Soil Health
 - Conservation Practices Applied to Mitigate Climate Change
 - Practices Applied to Conserve Water

State Benchmarks

- Monitoring
 - Target percentages set for dates
 - On-site vs. Off-site
- Easement Acquisition
 - Focus on the top-ranking applications
- Stewardship
 - Exhaust funds annually
- Partnership Agreements
- Minimum 10% increase of new customers annually



Programmatic Objectives

- Migratory Bird Habitat
- Water Quantity
- Water Quality



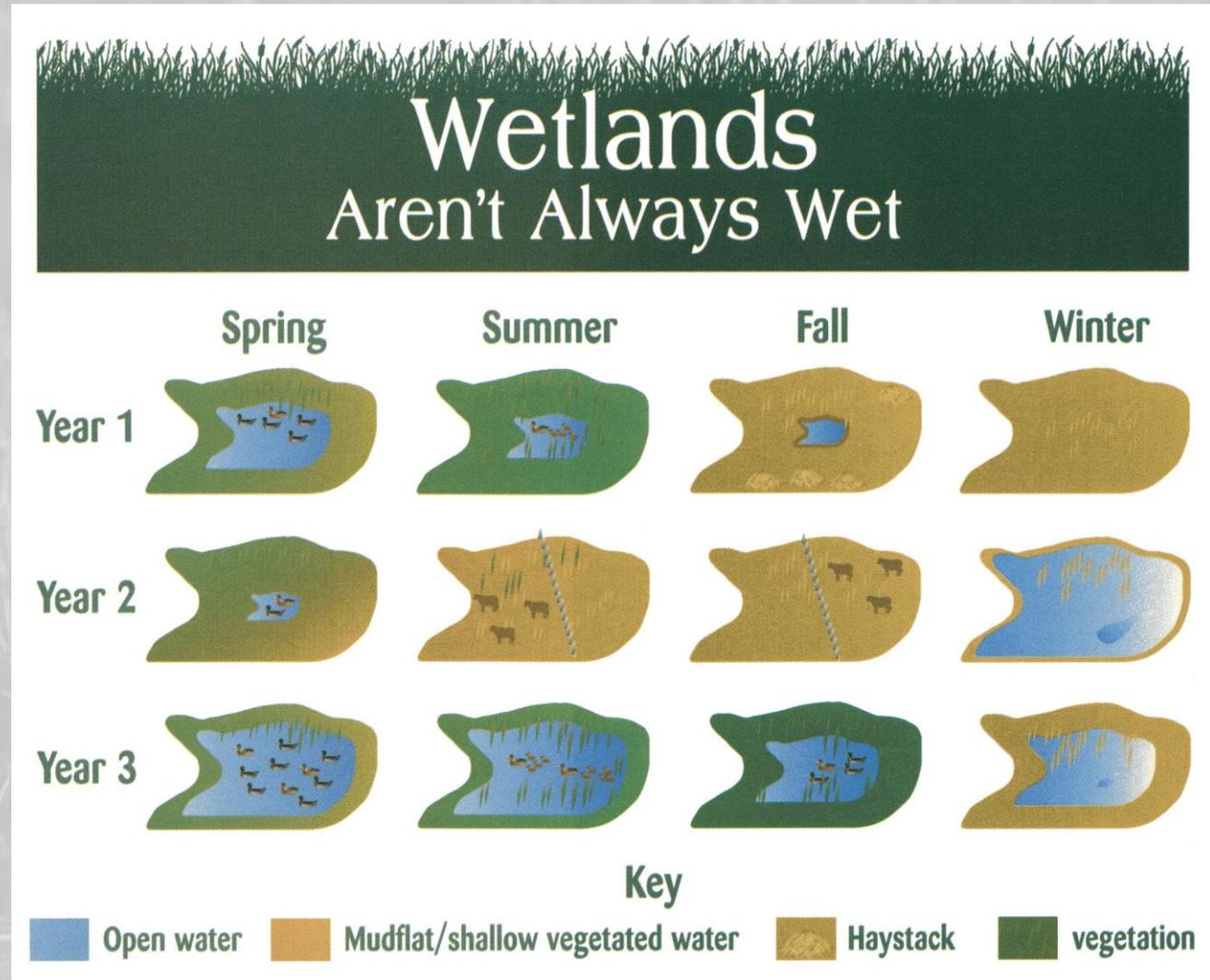
Partner Roles

- Due diligence during easement acquisition
- Stewardship
- BE-Team
- Partner programs
- Advertising



Misconceptions

- Wetlands are not ponds
- Eligibility
- Must already be a wetland



Misconceptions

- Government land grab
- Not really permanent
- Can still do whatever they want
- No idea there is an easement on the property



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Future Direction

- Continue to pursue new easements
- Obligate 100% of stewardship funds annually
- Complete this version of the WRCCG
- Continue to build strong relationships with partners and landowners

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