



Understanding the Basics of Agricultural Conservation Easements **National & Pennsylvania State-Level Resources**

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

- Agricultural Conservation Easement Program
<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/acep-agricultural-conservation-easement-program>
- Ranking Criteria for NRCS Programs – Fiscal Year 2023 Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) – Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)
<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2023-04/IRA-ACEP-Ranking-Criteria.pdf>
- Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP): Is ACEP Right for Me?
<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2022-10/Easements%20ACEP%20Right%20For%20Me%20factsheet.pdf>
- Pennsylvania Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)
<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/acep-agricultural-conservation-easement-program/pennsylvania/pennsylvania>

Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture

- Easement Purchase
https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants_Land_Water/farmland/Easement/Pages/default.aspx

PA Code

- Chapter 138e. Agricultural Conservation Easement Purchase Program
<https://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pacode?file=/secure/pacode/data/007/chapter138e/chap138etoc.html&d=>

WeConserve PA

- All County Farmland Preservation Boards
<https://conservationtools.org/organizations/farmland>



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Pennsylvania County Agricultural Land Preservation Boards & Easement Purchase Programs

Adams County

- Board:
<https://www.adamscountypa.gov/departments/officeofplanninganddevelopment/agriculturallandpreservationboard>
- Program:
<https://adamscountypa.gov/departments/officeofplanninganddevelopment/agriculturallandpreservationprogram/>

Allegheny County

- Board & Program:
<https://www.acdpa.org/farmland-preservation>

Armstrong County

- Board & Program:
<https://www.armstrongcd.org/index.php/agriculture-m/farmland-preservation-m>

Beaver County

- Board & Program:
<https://beavercountypa.gov/departments/agricultural-land-preservation/>

Bedford County

- Board/Conservation District:
<https://www.bedfordcountyconservation.com/Agriculture/agriculture.htm>
- Program:
https://www.bedfordcountypa.org/departments/planning/agricultural_conservation_easement_program.php/

Berks County

- Board:
<https://berksdev.pacounties.org/departments/agriculture/alp-board>
- Program:
<https://www.countyofberks.com/departments/agriculture/ace-program-overview>

Blair County

- Board & Program:
<https://blairconservationdistrict.org/farmland-preservation/>

Bradford County

- Board:
<https://bradfordcountypa.org/farmland-preservation-board/>
- Program:
<https://www.bccdpa.com/farmland-preservation.html>

Bucks County

- Board:
<https://www.buckscounty.gov/435/Agricultural-Land-Preservation-Board>
- Program:
<https://www.buckscounty.gov/350/Agricultural-Preservation-Program>



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Butler County

- Board:
<https://www.butlercountypa.gov/326/Agricultural-Land-Preservation-Board>
- Program:
<https://www.butlercountypa.gov/156/Farm-land-Preservation>

Cambria County

- Board:
<https://www.cambriacountypa.gov/agriculture-land-preservation-board/>
- Program:
<https://cambriaconservationdistrict.org/preservation-security>

Cameron County

- Conservation District (No listed county ALP board/program):
<https://www.cameroncd.org/agricultural-conservation>

Carbon County

- Board:
https://www.carboncountypa.gov/government/boards_authorities_commissions_/agricultural_land_preservation.php
- Program/Application:
<https://cms5.revize.com/revize/carboncounty/Document%20Center/Service/Planning%20&%20Development/Carbon%20County%20Farmland%20Preservation%20Application.pdf>

Centre County

- Board:
<https://centrecountypa.gov/281/Agricultural-Land-Preservation-Board>
- Program:
<https://centrecountypa.gov/615/Farmland-Preservation>

Chester County

- Board:
<https://www.chesco.org/4652/Agricultural-Land-Preservation-Board>
- Program:
<https://www.chesco.org/4618/Farmland-Preservation>

Clarion County

- Conservation District (No listed county ALP board/program):
<https://www.clarionconservation.com/>

Clearfield County

- Program:
<https://www.cdfdccd.com/agricultural-programs.html>

Clinton County

- Board & Program:
<https://www.clintoncountypa.gov/departments/conservation-district/agricultural-preservation>



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Columbia County

- Program:
<https://www.columbiaccd.org/farmland-preservation.html>

Crawford County

- Board & Program:
<https://www.crawfordconservation.com/farmland-preservation/>

Cumberland County

- Board:
<https://www.cumberlandcountypa.gov/4968/Agricultural-Land-Preservation-Board>
- Program:
<https://www.cumberlandcountypa.gov/286/Agricultural-Easement-Program-Applicatio>

Dauphin County

- Program:
<http://www.dauphincd.org/ag/alp.html>

Delaware County

- Program:
<https://www.delcocd.org/agricultural-preservation/>

Elk County

- Conservation District (No listed county ALP board/program):
<https://www.co.elk.pa.us/index.php/conservation-district-homepage/item/4-about-elk-county-conservation-district>

Erie County

- Board: <https://eriecountypa.gov/open-government/boards-and-authorities/agricultural-land-preservation-board/>
- Program:
<https://eriecountypa.gov/departments/planning-and-community-development/programs/agricultural-land-preservation/>

Fayette County

- Board:
<https://www.fayettecountypa.org/301/Agricultural-Land-Preservation-Board>
- Program:
<https://www.fayettecountypa.org/409/Agricultural-Land-Preservation-Program>

Forest County

- Conservation District (No listed county ALP board/program):
http://www.co.forest.pa.us/departments/conservation_district_and_planning.php

Franklin County

- Board:
https://www.franklincountypa.gov/index.php?section=public_calendar&evtid=1531
- Program/Press Release:
https://franklincountypa.gov/index.php?section=public_news&prid=426



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Fulton County

- Program: <https://fultoncountyconservationdistrict.org/farmland-preservation-program/>

Greene County

- Board & Program: <https://www.co.greene.pa.us/board-flp>

Huntingdon County

- Program: <https://huntingdoncd.org/agricultural-programs/agricultural-land-preservation>

Indiana County

- Program: <https://www.iccdpa.org/agriculture#:~:text=The%20Indiana%20County%20Farmland%20Easement,farmland%20to%20non%20agricultural%20uses.>

Jefferson County

- Conservation District (No listed county ALP board/program): https://www.jeffersonconservation.com/jccd2021_033.htm

Juniata County

- Board: <https://juniataccd.org/land-preservation-board-meeting-agends.html>
- Program: https://juniataccd.org/programs/ag_land.html

Lackawanna County

- Board: https://www.lackawannacounty.org/government/departments/agricultural_land_preservation_board.php
- Program: <https://www.lccd.net/farmland-preservation/>

Lancaster County

- Board & Program: <https://www.co.lancaster.pa.us/126/Agricultural-Preserve-Board>

Lawrence County

- Conservation District (No listed county ALP board/program): <https://www.lawrencecd.org/>

Lebanon County

- Program: <https://www.lccd.org/agricultural-land-preservation>

Lehigh County

- Board & Program: <https://www.lehighcounty.org/departments/agricultural-land-preservation>

Luzerne County

- Board & Program: <https://luzernecd.org/programs/agricultural-conservation/farmland-preservation/>



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Lycoming County

- Program:
<https://www.lyco.org/Departments/Conser-vation-District/District-Conservation-Programs/Ag-Land-Preservation>

McKean County

- Conservation District (No listed county ALP board/program):
<https://www.mckeanconservation.com/agri-culture.html>

Mercer County

- Conservation District (No listed county ALP board/program):
<https://www.mercercountycd.com/>

Mifflin County

- Program: <https://www.mifflinccd.com/cost-share-programs/>

Monroe County

- Board & Program:
<https://www.monroecountypa.gov/depart-ments/planning/resources/argicultural-land-preservation-program/>

Montgomery County

- Program:
<https://www.montcopa.org/690/Farmland-Preservation-Program/>

Montour County

- Program:
<https://www.montourccd.com/agland-preservation-program>

Northampton County

- Board:
<https://www.northamptoncounty.org/CTYA/DMN/FARMPRES/Pages/BoardDir.aspx>
- Program:
<https://www.northamptoncounty.org/CTYA/DMN/FARMPRES/Pages/ConEasements.asp>
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Northumberland County

- Program:
<https://www.nccdpa.org/programs/farmland-preservation/>

Perry County

- Board & Program:
<http://www.perrycd.org/agriculture-programs/farmland-preservation>

Philadelphia County

- n/a

Pike County

- Board & Program:
https://www.pikepa.org/living_working-community_planning/initiatives/agricultural_land_preservation_program.php



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Potter County

- Program:
<https://pottercd.com/agriculture/farmland-preservation/>

Schuylkill County

- Board & Program:
<https://www.schuylkillcd.com/departments/agricultural-land-preservation>

Snyder County

- Program:
<https://www.snydercounty.org/department-s/conervation-district/agricultural-land-prevention/>

Somerset County

- Conservation District (No listed county ALP board/program):
<https://www.somersetcd.com/index.html>

Sullivan County

- Program:
<https://www.sullcon.com/farmland-preservation.html/>

Susquehanna County

- Program:
<https://www.suscondistrict.org/agricultural-land-preservation.html>

Tioga County

- Program:
<https://www.tiogacountypa.us/department-s/conervation-district/programs>

Union County

- Board:
<https://unioncountypa.org/agricultural-land-preservation-board/>
- Program:
<https://unioncountypa.org/conservation-district/financial-assistance-programs/>

Venango County

- Conservation District (No listed county ALP board/program):
<https://www.venangocd.org/>

Warren County

- Conservation District (No listed county ALP board/program):
<https://wconconservation.net/>

Washington County

- Program:
<https://www.co.washington.pa.us/173/Farmland-Preservation/>

Wayne County

- Program:
<https://www.waynepreservation.com/>



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Westmoreland County

- Program:
<http://www.wcalp.org/programs.htm>

Wyoming County

- Board:
<https://www.wyomingco.net/497/Agricultural-Farmland-Protection-Board>

York County

- Program:
<https://yorkcountypa.gov/705/Agricultural-Land-Preservation-Program>