

Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)
 Easement Option

Project Agreement

Date: _____

<i>Easement Payment</i>	\$ _____	Payable to: _____ (Landowner or land trust/local government/Soil Conservation District)
<i>Incidental Costs</i>	\$ _____	Payable to: _____ (Land trust/local government/Soil Conservation District)
<i>Administrative Costs</i>	\$ _____	
Total \$ _____		

1. **CREP PROJECT#** _____
(Shaded areas for State use only)

2. **Landowner Name** _____

3. **Sponsor Organization: Local Government/ Soil Conservation District/Land Trust Contact (co-Grantee):**

 Name of Organization

 Contact Person

Telephone # _____ Fax # _____ Street address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

4. **FEDERAL ID#:** _____

5. **CREP Contract:** (note: Please attach CRP-1 document and CREP Plan Map)

Contract #:	Sign up #:	Field #:	#Acres Enrolled:
Farm#:	Tract #:	Contract Period:	

6. **Project Location/Street Address** _____

Tax Map #: ___ Grid: ___ Parcel #: ___ Tax Acct. #: _____ A.D.C. Road Map #
_____ Grid: _____ County _____

7. **DESCRIPTION OF EASEMENT AREA:**

a. Total number of acres to be included in CREP Deed of Conservation Easement:
_____. (b + e = a)

b. Total number of acres "eligible for purchase" to be included in the easement:
_____. (c + d = b)

Forested ___ ac. Wetlands ___ ac. Vegetated ___ ac.

c. Total number of eligible "CREP contract acres" to be included in the easement:
_____.

Forested ___ ac. Wetlands ___ ac. Vegetated ___ ac.

d. Total number of eligible CREP "matching acres" to be included in the easement:
_____.

Forested ___ ac. Wetlands ___ ac. Vegetated ___ ac.

e. Total number of eligible "donated acres" to be included in the easement: _____.

Forested ___ ac. Wetlands ___ ac. Vegetated ___ ac.

f. Identify any waterways (streams, creeks, rivers, etc.) located on or adjacent to this project? _____

g. Linear feet of stream or waterway buffered/protected by this easement. _____.

h. Identify watershed where property is located. _____

i. Is the Easement Area currently subdivided? Yes ___ or No ___
If yes, # of lots _____

8. **EASEMENT PAYMENT:**

- a. Amount per acre (established County rate BPW 10/03/01): \$ _____
- b. Total number of eligible purchase acres (from 7.b.): _____
- c. **Total Easement Payment (a x b = c) : \$ _____**

9. **INCIDENTAL COSTS: \$ _____**

Itemize below all Incidental Costs: Title work, Surveys, soil & water or forest stewardship plans, etc.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
	\$ _____ Total Incidental Costs

10. **ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS \$ _____** (not to exceed 3% of Easement Payment)

11. **Total Funding Requested by Sponsor for Administrative and Incidental Costs:**

AMOUNT REQUESTED \$ _____

12. **EASEMENT WILL BE HELD BY:**

Name of Title Holder; co-Grantee

Name of Title Holder; co-Grantee

Name of Title Holder; co-Grantee

a. Land Trust — If the Title Holder is a Land Trust, the Land Trust shall hold title to all Easements jointly with a qualified federal, state, county, or municipal land conservation organization (“FSCMCO”) and for purposes of this agreement a local government shall be deemed a FSCMCO.

b. Local Government - The Easement may be held solely by a qualified federal,

state, county, or municipal land conservation organization. A local government shall be deemed a qualified federal, state, county, or municipal land conservation organization.

- c. Subordination - All mortgages, deeds of trust and any other liens or encumbrances (except for future taxes, charges or assessments, not yet due and payable) with respect to the repayment of a debt against the real property shall be subordinated to the deed restriction. See Easement.

13. **OTHER PROGRAMS OR FUNDING CONTRIBUTING TO THIS PROJECT (if applicable):**

14. **Attachments:**

Agreement of Sale/Contract of Sale	Title Commitment
Property Deed	CREP Plan Map
CREP Deed of Conservation Easement	CREP Contract (CRP-1)

15. **LAND TRUST AUTHORIZATION**

As the President of _____ (Land Trust/Title Holder), I have read the terms of the Project Agreement and the Land Trust/Title Holder agrees to perform the Project Agreement in accordance with the CREP program.

By _____
(Signature) (Print Name) (Print Title) (Date) (Seal)

ATTEST: _____
(Signature) (Print Name) (Print Title) (Date) (Seal)

DATE: _____

16. LOCAL GOVERNMENT/SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT AUTHORIZATION

As the authorized representative of _____ (Local Government/Soil Conservation District / Title Holder), I have read the terms of the Project Agreement and the Local Government/Soil Conservation District/Title Holder agrees to perform the Project Agreement in accordance with the CREP program.

By _____
(Signature) (Print Name) (Print Title) (Date) (Seal)

ATTEST: _____
(Signature) (Print Name) (Print Title) (Date) (Seal)

DATE: _____