

2013 LAEPP Announcements:

04/18/2014: We hope you all were able to participate in the conference call hosted by NRCS discussing their Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP – formerly FRPP). We appreciate Matt Harbage with NRCS keeping us informed throughout the process. ACEP's next conference call is scheduled for 10:00 am on April 30, 2014.

We were excited to hear about his upcoming ACEP application deadlines of May 30, 2014 and June 30, 2014. Those of you interested in participating in his application process should contact Matt for details (614-255-2461 or matt.harbage@oh.usda.gov).

Local Sponsors that are still working down their lists of potential easements under the 2013 LAEPP program year may consider contacting NRCS for additional funds.

03/28/2014: Local Sponsors – the [2013 LAEPP Process Steps](#) have recently been updated to include a note about the requesting the Purchase Agreement and Draft Deed from ODA.

03/7/2014: Local Sponsors – As you are beginning work on preliminary Closing Instructions, remember to reference the Steps document posted on the [2013 LAEPP Local Sponsors Materials Page](#). In addition to working with landowners on title items, you can forward your draft and completed Present Condition Reports (PCRs) to ODA at any time for review and approval. Information garnered from your PCR is necessary in completing the Draft Deed of Agricultural Easement and Purchase Agreement for your landowners. If you have any questions, or have a draft/final ready to share, please send to abennett@agri.ohio.gov.

03/1/2014: Title commitments provided to ODA by Local Sponsors are in the process of being reviewed and preliminary Closing Instructions are being sent to Local Sponsors. These instructions detail the items that the landowner and/or local sponsor must address prior to closing the agricultural easement (mortgage subordinations, affidavits, acreage discrepancies, etc.). You can find template documents that may be helpful in addressing these items on the [2013 LAEPP Local Sponsors Materials Page](#).

01/17/2014: Attention 2013 LAEPP Local Sponsors: Copies of your Contingent Notices of Selection for alternate farms are due to the Office of Farmland Preservation by Monday, February 17, 2014.

This new “contingent” Notice will allow your landowners to know that they have been approved for funding, but that their farm cannot yet proceed unless funding becomes available.

If you do not have any orange “back up” approved 2013 LAEPP sites, you do not need to worry about sending any Contingent Notices of Selection.

If any of your alternate 2013 LAEPP landowners were planning on applying under the 2014 LAEPP, we still encourage them to reapply under LAEPP 2014.

If you have any questions at all, please don’t hesitate to contact us at abennett@agri.ohio.gov or (614) 728-6214. Thanks.