



Annual Newsletter



CREP Easement in Hyde County



CREP Easement in Nash County

WHAT'S NEW

CREP WELCOMES NEW STAFF!

The North Carolina CREP Program has welcomed two new staff members this spring - Jennifer Roach (*Program Manager*) and Roy Jones (*Central Specialist*). Jennifer and Roy both join us from the North Carolina Forest Service.

The team is still seeking a Certified Surveyor and a Western Specialist.

NEW EASEMENTS ACQUIRED SINCE SPRING OF 2022

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*INCLUDING 5 PERMANENT EASEMENTS

The CREP program continues to be an opportunity for farmers and private landowners to help improve and protect water quality while restoring and enhancing riparian habitat corridors next to stream, drainage ditches, estuaries, wetlands and other watercourses in their local community.

In addition, this program provides a mechanism to help farmers comply with Nutrient Reduction Rules and potential regulations or goals in their surrounding watersheds.



REMINDERS



>>> **TIMBER HARVEST PLANS**

As the owner of a CREP easement, you can conduct a commercial thinning of the trees on your easement to improve your easement. A thinning plan and accompanying map (by a NC Registered Forester) should be submitted to CREP staff for review and approval before any harvest takes place. We ask that the thinning plan and map is submitted to ensure that the plan aligns with the requirements of the CREP easement.

>>> **BURN PLANS**

Your conservation plan from NRCS or burn plan from a NC Registered Forester may prescribe a burn to maintain and enhance your easement's forest health. This burn can also help control undesirable fuel buildup while also stimulating native herbaceous plant development. Please contact CREP staff before any activities are done.

>>> **IS YOUR CRP CONTRACT ENDING?**

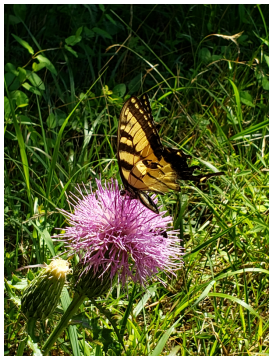
Please remember if you have a 30-year or permanent CREP easement and your CRP contract is expiring, you are still enrolled in CREP and must abide by the restrictions within your easement deed. If you need a copy of your easement deed or conservation plan and have any questions, please contact CREP staff.

>>> **CHANGES IN OWNERSHIP**

If you are selling your property, please inform CREP staff. It is important that we ensure new land owners are aware of their responsibility to the CREP easement on their new property.

>>> **EASEMENT EXTENSIONS**

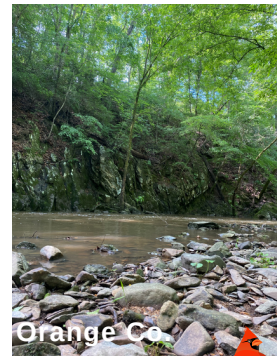
If you are enrolled in a 30-year easement, you may be able to upgrade to a permanent easement for additional payments. Contact your CREP Specialist to learn more.



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CREP Easement in Gates Co.



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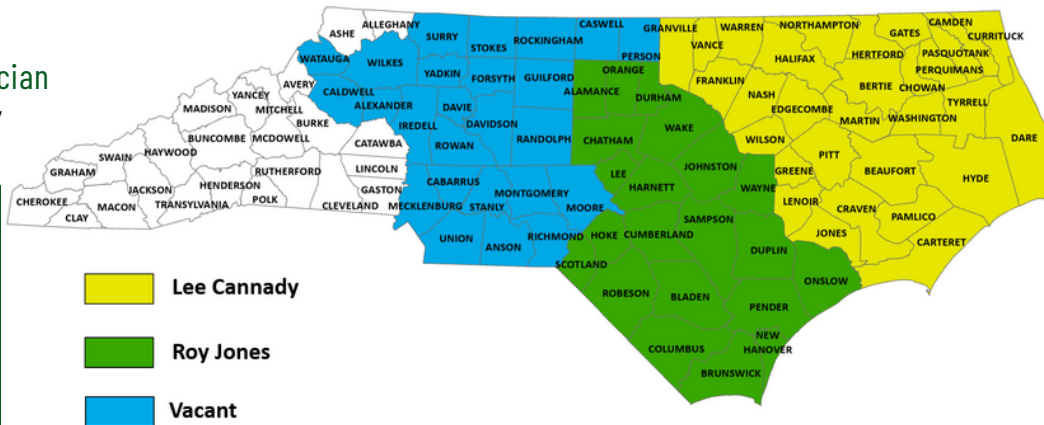


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