

2026 Agricultural Conservation Easements Program (ACEP-ALE) Pre-application Eligibility Tool

Entity Name: _____

Contact Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Landowner Name: _____

Landowner Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

County: _____

This form is to be filled out by the entity submitting the application.

To be eligible for enrollment in the ACEP-ALE program, the offered acres must be privately owned. In addition, the landowner must be in compliance with Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation Provisions of the 1985 Food Security Act, as amended, and must also be in compliance with the Adjusted Gross Income Provision of the 2018 Farm Bill.

1. Is the parcel being offered privately owned?	YES – Proceed to Question 2.
	NO – Application is not eligible for ACEP-ALE.
2. Does the landowner have a current fiscal year Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) form on file and 902 business file in Determined status with FSA?	YES – Proceed to Question 3.
	NO – Application is not eligible for ACEP-ALE.

3. Does the parcel have a Certified Wetland Determination and a Certified Highly Erodible Land Determination on file with FSA?	YES – Proceed to Question 4.
	NO – Application is not eligible for ACEP-ALE.
4. Is there a Written Pending Offer in place between the landowner and entity?	YES – Proceed to Question 5.
	NO – Application is not eligible for ACEP-ALE.
5. Is this parcel FREE of any existing easement or deed restriction that LIMITS or PROHIBITS agriculture production?	YES – Proceed to Question 6.
	NO – Application is not eligible for ACEP-ALE.
6. Does this parcel meet one of the following criteria: (Select One) a. Contains at least 50% prime, unique, statewide, or locally important soil b. Contains historical or archaeological resources c. Protects grazing uses and related conservation values by restoring or conserving eligible land d. Further a State or Local policy consistent with the purposes of ACEP	YES – Proceed to Question 7.
	NO – Application is not eligible for ACEP-ALE.
7. Does the entity submitting the application for ACEP-ALE funding have funds available AT TIME OF APPLICATION equal to 50% of the purchase price when accompanied by a landowner donation?	YES – Proceed to Question 8.
	NO – Application is not eligible for ACEP-ALE.
8. Does the entity submitting the application have legal authority to acquire, hold, manage, monitor and enforce the easement?	YES – Please ensure the Entity Certification signature below is present prior to submitting the application to Michigan NRCS.
	NO – Application is not eligible for ACEP-ALE.
Entity Certification: Signature: _____ Date: _____	