

## What's new in 2022?

## New CREP Options are Available for Illinois Landowners

Federal CREP Contract	Federal CREP Prior to 2022	Federal CREP 2022 Enrollment
Federal CREP/CRP Contract Length	15 year contract	15 years contract
Federal Payments	Annual payments for 15 year contract	Annual payments for 15 year contract
Federal Incentive on the Soil Rental Rate	30% on riparian acres, 20% on HEL acres	25% on riparian and HEL acres
NEW Federal Acre Minimum	None	3 acres per Federal CREP/CRP contract <sup>1</sup>
Federal Cost Share	50%	50%
State Easement on Federal CREP/CRP Contract	Optional	Mandatory
Illinois CREP - State Easement	Illinois CREP Prior to 2022	Illinois CREP 2022 Enrollment
NEW State Easement Options	15-year, 35-year, or permanent easement	15-year or permanent easement
State Easement Payments	Lump-sum payment at easement execution <sup>2</sup>	Lump-sum payment at easement execution <sup>3</sup>
NEW State Easement Renewal	No	Yes <sup>4</sup>
State Easement Additional (non-crop) Acres	Yes Only on permanent easements	Yes Available on all <b>new</b> 15-year and permanent easements <sup>5</sup>
NEW State Easement Acre Minimum	20 acres	None
NEW State Cost Share	50% on permanent easements 40% on 15-year and 35-year easements	50% on all easement options
State Easement Extension from Non-Permanent to Permanent	Yes	Yes <sup>5</sup>
NEW State Easement holder	SWCD	IDNR

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Unless determined by FSA to be socially disadvantaged, limited resource, veteran, or beginning farmer or rancher

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Permanent Easement: Average Soil Rental Rate (SRR) x 30% x 15 yrs.; 35-year easement: 75% permanent easement; 15-year easement: 50% permanent easement

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Permanent Easement: Avg. SRR x 15% x 30 yrs; 15 year easement: Avg. SRR x 25%x 15 yrs

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Landowner has the option to renew non-permanent easements within the last 2 years of the easement term and receive additional payment (if easement is in compliance)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> No additional acres can be added during easement renewal or extension to permanent