Using Easements for Restoring the Texas Coast

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Agricultural Land Easement (ALE)

Protect the agricultural use, viability, and related conservation values

Wetland Reserve Easement (WRE)

Restore, protect, and enhance wetlands
Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)

Wetland Reserve Easement (WRE)

USDA NRCS

Landowner
Agricultural Conservation Easement Program

Wetland Reserve Easement
(WRE)

- Easements purchased and held by NRCS on behalf of the United States.
- Interest and title are sold and granted to NRCS in order to:
  1. Restore
  2. Protect
Agricultural Conservation Easement Program

Wetland Reserve Easement (WRE)

**WRE Restoration & Acquisition**

- Permanent Easement – NRCS bears the full cost of restoration & acquisition
- 30-yr Term Easement – NRCS bears 75% of the restoration cost and the acquisition expense.
Easements purchased by USDA-NRCS have restored and continue to protect over 90 square miles of wetland ecosystems along the Texas coast.
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