

STATUS OF LOCAL PACE PROGRAMS

OVERVIEW

As of January 2020, at least 98 independently funded, local purchase of agricultural conservation easement (PACE) programs in 20 states had acquired funding and/or easements. This table displays the status and summarizes important information about these local farm and ranch land protection programs. For a program to be included, the protection of agricultural lands must be one of its core purposes, accomplished primarily by compensating landowners for the value of the easement.

EXPLANATION OF COLUMN HEADINGS

Locality

Name of the locality the program serves. When a land trust or soil and water conservation district administers the program, it is listed next to the locality.

Year of Inception/Year of First Acquisition

Year of Inception is the year in which the ordinance creating the PACE program was passed. Year of First Acquisition is the year in which the program acquired its first easement.

Total Easements/Restrictions Acquired

Number of agricultural conservation easements or conservation restrictions acquired to date. This number includes joint projects with state and/or county programs and independent projects completed by the local program. This number does not necessarily reflect the total number of farms/ranches protected.

Total Acres Protected

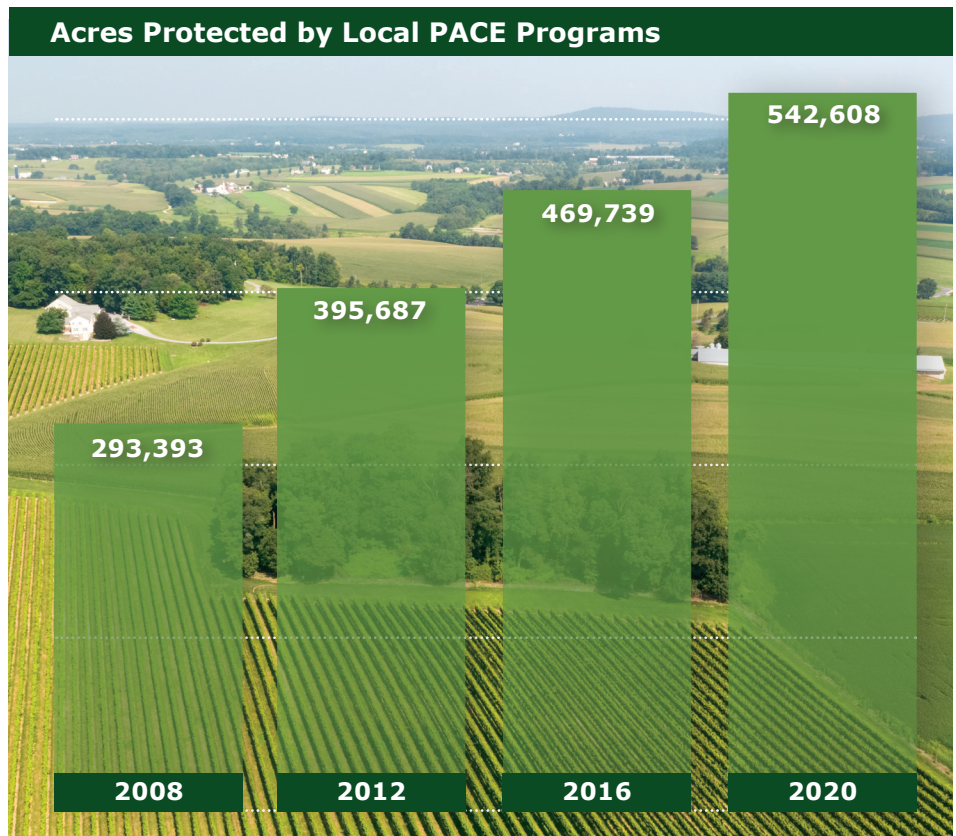
Number of acres protected by the program through independent and joint projects to date.

Independent Easements/Restrictions Acquired

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PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

Locality	Year of Inception/ Year of First Acquisition	Total Easements/ Restrictions Acquired	Total Acres Protected	Independent Easements/ Restrictions Acquired	Independent Acres Protected	Independent Program Funds Spent to Date
California						
Davis, City of	1988/1988	16	3,449	8	983	\$3,819,000
Sonoma Co.	1990/1992	85	36,161	85	36,161	\$96,371,250
San Diego Co.	2011/2013	30	2,334	30	2,334	\$6,000,000
Colorado						
Boulder, City of	1967/1984	92	7,737	92	7,737	N/A
Douglas Co. ^{v.}	1994/1995	32	40,232	23	10,018	\$21,718,827
Routt Co.	1996/2000	65	48,227	43	31,105	\$18,089,608
Connecticut						
Lebanon, Town of	2006/2007	15	1,642	15	1,642	\$9,486,521
Shelton, Town of ^{v.}	1996/1998	8	395	2	5	N/A
Tolland, Town of	2006/2006	1	155	1	155	\$365,000
Florida						
Broward Co. ^{iv.}	2000/2000	5	64	5	64	\$7,853,997
Indian River Co. ^{iv.}	2004/2007	3	2,047	3	2,047	\$23,256,728
Pasco Co.	2005/2009	2	1,083	1	466	\$2,225,000
Sarasota Co. ^{v.}	1999/2002	5	17,321	2	2,287	\$7,330,271
Volusia Co. ^{v.}	2000/2003	6	3,905	1	163	\$1,165,173
Illinois						
Kane Co.	2001/2002	48	5,897	48	5,897	\$18,478,262
Kentucky						
Lexington-Fayette Co.	2000/2002	277	30,395	277	30,395	\$35,000,000
Maryland						
Anne Arundel Co. ^{vi.}	1991/1992	153	14,000	79	6,553	\$30,000,000
Baltimore Co. ^{vi.}	1979/1981	481	67,051	103	8,427	\$22,294,107 ^{v.}
Calvert Co. ^{vi.}	1992/1993	399	30,886	345	23,980	\$11,661,560
Carroll Co. ^{vi., viii.}	1979/1980	638	71,649	203 ^{v.}	22,261 ^{v.}	\$86,602,704
Frederick Co. ^{vi., viii.}	1991/1993	446	62,186	130	20,318	\$80,872,480
Harford Co. ^{vi.}	1977/1977	458	51,461	270	32,350	\$129,373,440
Howard Co. ^{vi.}	1978/1984	278	22,814	238	18,687	\$175,450,873
Montgomery Co.	1986/1989	138	21,738	84	9,758	\$52,727,000
Prince George's Soil Conservation District	2007/2008	69	6,444	44	3,876	\$27,762,510
Washington Co. ^{vi.}	1980/1981	425	34,373	11	1,507	\$654,780
Wicomico Co. ^{vi.}	1986/2004	63	7,717	7	780	\$1,619,027
Michigan						
Acme Township	2004/2009	7	811	5	500	\$1,749,444
Ann Arbor Charter Township ^{vi.}	2003/2006	12	1,128	12	1,128	\$3,735,544
Ingham Co.	2004/2006	42	5,726	24	3,147	\$5,500,000
Kent Co.	2002/2005	19	2,256	17	1,966	\$494,800

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		California
\$7,900,000	Appropriations, mitigation fees, local government contributions, property tax revenue, restricted parcel tax funds , FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
\$12,110,000	Bonds, local government contributions, sales tax, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
\$4,445,100	Appropriations , mitigation fees	
		Colorado
\$0	Appropriations, bonds, local government contributions, private contributions, sales tax	
\$5,000,000	Bonds, local government contributions, private contributions, sales and use tax	
N/A	Property tax revenue, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
		Connecticut
\$300,000	Appropriations, local government contributions, private contributions	
N/A	Appropriations, bonds, local government contributions, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
\$1,334,918	Bonds, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
		Florida
\$0	Bonds	
\$0	Bonds, property tax revenue	
N/A	Sales tax	
N/A	Bonds, local government contributions, property tax revenue	
N/A	Property tax revenue	
		Illinois
\$300,000	Gaming revenue, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
		Kentucky
\$0	Appropriations, bonds , local government contributions, private contributions, state tobacco settlement funding, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
		Maryland
\$4,500,000	Agricultural transfer tax, appropriations , bonds, local government contributions, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
\$1,960,000	Agricultural transfer tax, appropriations, bonds , local government contributions, private contributions, real estate transfer tax, transportation funding, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
N/A	Agricultural transfer tax, appropriations, local government contributions , private contributions, property tax revenue, real estate transfer tax, recording fees, transportation funding, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
N/A	Agricultural transfer tax, appropriations, bonds, local government contributions , property tax revenue, real estate transfer tax, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
\$12,800,000	Agricultural transfer tax, appropriations, bonds, local government contributions, property tax revenue, real estate transfer tax, recording fees, federal transportation funding, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
\$20,000,000	Agricultural transfer tax, local government contributions, real estate transfer tax , FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
\$21,666,000	Agricultural transfer tax, bonds, real estate transfer tax , use value assessment withdrawal penalties, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
\$1,100,000	Agricultural transfer tax, appropriations, bonds, investment income, local government contributions, real estate transfer tax, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
\$3,900,000	Local government contributions , real estate transfer tax, appropriations	
\$207,227	Agricultural transfer tax, appropriations, local government contributions, private contributions, real estate transfer tax , recording fees, transportation funding, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
\$0	Local government contributions, real estate transfer tax, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
		Michigan
\$1,217,371	Private contributions, property tax revenue , FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
\$1,013,000	Local government contributions, private contributions, property tax revenue , FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
\$3,000,000	Private contributions, property tax revenue , FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
N/A	Appropriations, local government contributions, private contributions, property tax revenue , FRPP/ACEP-ALE	

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PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

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Michigan (continued)						
Scio Township ^{vi}	2004/2008	12	731	12	731	\$4,932,552
Ottawa Co.	2008/NA	2	91	2	91	\$41,400
Peninsula Township ^{vi}	1994/1996	113	3,347	113	3,347	\$15,173,800 ^v
Washtenaw Co.	1998/NA	15	2,275	15	2,275	\$3,617,812
Webster Township ^{vi}	2005/2009	15	897	15	897	\$1,466,485
Minnesota						
Dakota Co. ^{vi}	2003/2005	68	7,772	68	7,772	\$27,813,561
Montana						
Gallatin Co. ^v	2000/2000	22	29,694	21	29,107	\$9,300,000
New Hampshire						
Londonderry, Town of ^v	1996/1996	40	786	20	372	\$13,029,600
New Jersey						
Burlington Co. ^{ii, vi}	1985/1985	252	33,203	36	4,584	\$25,618,396
Cape May Co. ^{vi}	1989/1991	67	3,325	18	690	\$26,384,562
Gloucester Co.	2000/1989	322	18,888	84 ^v	3,720 ^v	\$46,140,000 ^v
Mercer Co.	1983/1988	89	5,443	10	700	N/A
Monmouth Co. ^{vi}	1981/1987	215	15,447	2	46	\$876,985
Morris Co.	1983/1996	136	8,026	22	658	\$9,107,019
Sussex Co.	1985/1990	190	18,498	39	2,477	\$15,943,101
New York						
East Hampton, Town of	1982/1982	21	382	18	233	N/A
Pittsford, Town of ^{iv}	1995/1996	9	1,060	7	653	\$6,259,248
Southampton, Town of	1998/1999	82	1,539	82	1,539	\$250,447,541
Southold, Town of	1984/1986	132	2,802	113	2,312	\$67,441,924
Suffolk Co. ^{vii}	1974/1976	384	10,943	370	9,880	\$259,166,936
Warwick, Town of ^{vi}	2001/1997	37	4,142	29	2,449	\$1,164,446
Watershed Agricultural Council	1998/2001	196	27,895	196	27,895	\$41,149,000
North Carolina						
Buncombe Co.	2001/2005	49	6,316	39	4,785	\$4,826,103
Forsyth Co. Soil and Water Conservation District	1984/1987	25	1,237	19	894	\$1,623,058
Orange Co.	2000/2001	24	2,077	14	1,814	\$3,615,313
Oregon						
Yamhill Co. - Soil and Water Conservation District ^v	2003/2003	4	1,242	4	1,242	\$0
Pennsylvania						
Buckingham Township	1991/1991	56	2,766	42	1,680	\$858,075
Bucks Co. ^{vi}	1989/1990	222	17,404	44	5,568	\$31,607,738
Chester Co. ^{vi}	1989/1990	521	41,284	322	22,353	\$106,121,134
Lancaster Co. ^{vi, ix}	1980/1984	1022	83,086	147	11,052	\$13,513,453
Plumstead Township	1996/1997	62	2,906	45	1,709	\$9,466,707
Solebury Township ^v	1996/1998	34	1,941	28	1,298	\$17,400,000

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		Michigan
\$900,000	Local government contributions, private contributions, property tax revenue , FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
\$31,000	Private contributions, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
\$0	Appropriations, bonds, private contributions, property tax revenue, transportation funding, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
\$2,254,666	Private contributions, property tax revenue , FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
\$200,000	Local government contributions, private contributions, property tax revenue, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
		Minnesota
\$0	Bonds, landfill fees, local government contributions, property tax revenue, state grants, tax revenue, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
		Montana
N/A	Appropriations, bonds, private contributions, property tax revenue, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
		New Hampshire
N/A	Appropriations, bonds, use value assessment withdrawal penalty, property tax revenue	
		New Jersey
\$1,400,000	Appropriations, bonds, local government contributions, private contributions, property tax revenue , FRPP/ACEP-ALE, ACUB	
N/A	Property tax revenue, transient lodging tax	
N/A	Appropriations, bonds, local government contributions, property tax revenue, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
N/A	Appropriations, local government contribution	
\$9,000,000	Appropriations, bonds, local government contributions, Open Space Revenue fund, private contributions, property tax revenue, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
\$0	Appropriations, bonds, property tax revenue	
\$1,940,343	Local government contributions, Preservation Trust Fund tax , private contributions, property tax revenue, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
		New York
	Bonds, real estate transfer tax	
\$0	Appropriations, bonds, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
\$0	Bonds, real estate transfer tax, property tax revenue	
\$12,000,000	Bonds, private contributions	
\$9,000,000	Appropriations, bonds	
\$1,163,055	Bonds, local government contributions, private contributions	
\$1,000,000	Bonds (NYC DEP)	
		North Carolina
N/A	Appropriations, local government contributions , private contributions, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
\$0	Appropriations, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
\$3,000,000	Appropriations , bonds, local government contributions, private contributions, property tax revenue, real estate transfer tax, sales tax, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
		Oregon
N/A	District funds, private contributions	
		Pennsylvania
N/A	Bonds, private contributions, property tax revenue, real estate transfer tax, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
\$1,571,796	Appropriations, bonds, local government contributions , private contributions, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
\$6,234,602	Appropriations, bonds , local government contributions, private contributions, use value assessment withdrawal penalties, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
N/A	Appropriations, bonds, local government contributions, use value assessment withdrawal penalties, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
N/A	Bonds, property tax revenue, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
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Virginia						
Albemarle Co. ^{vi}	2000/2002	51	9,621	51	9,621	\$11,063,053
Chesapeake, City of ^{vi}	2003/2006	6	405	3	221	\$1,342,284
Clarke Co.	2002/2003	139	8,353	100	5,336	\$751,280
Fauquier Co.	2002/2004	167	22,104	157	19,657	\$10,713,673
Frederick Co.	2005/NA	1	89	1	89	\$395,000
Goochland Co. ^v	2007/2007	6	935	5	435	\$0
James City Co. ^v	2001/2003	7	543	6	440	\$1,687,000
Loudoun Co. ^{iv}	2000/2002	5	1,007	5	1,007	\$2,670,000
New Kent Co. ^{iv}	2006/2009	1	96	1	96	\$0
Virginia Beach, City of ^{vi, vii}	1995/1997	182	9,986	174	9,564	\$59,163,128
Washington						
King Co. ^v	1979/1984	207	13,371	206	13,230	\$60,728,211
San Juan Co. ^{ii, v}	1990/1994	14	1,276	14	1,276	\$2,219,752
Skagit Co.	1996/1998	266	11,662	240	9,445	\$16,376,836
Thurston Co. ^{iv}	1996/1998	18	942	18	942	\$2,241,122
Whatcom Co. ^{vi}	2001/2002	23	1,200	20	992	\$2,922,600
West Virginia						
Berkeley Co.	2000/2004	56	5,526	43 ^v	4,405 ^v	\$13,300,093 ^v
Fayette Co.	2005/2007	7	467	7	467	\$833,610
Grant Co.	2003/2007	5	969	2 ^v	158 ^v	\$430,250 ^v
Greenbrier Co.	2004/2007	12	3,032	7 ^v	2,098 ^v	\$2,631,526 ^v
Hampshire Co.	2004/2006	19	4,340	12 ^v	2,061 ^v	\$1,700,553 ^v
Hardy Co.	2003/2003	9	1,611	3 ^v	442 ^v	\$791,330 ^v
Jefferson Co.	2000/2003	45	4,701	40 ^v	3,873 ^v	\$8,598,835 ^v
Lincoln Co.	NA/2018	1	258	1	258	\$154,200
Mineral Co.	2010/2011	8	1,030	6 ^v	743 ^v	\$848,554 ^v
Monroe Co.	2002/2005	22	4,622	10 ^v	1,795 ^v	\$617,579 ^v
Morgan Co.	2000/2005	21	1,522	21	1,522	\$1,496,540
Nicholas Co.	2004/2007	6	856	6	856	\$1,059,300
Pocahontas Co.	2004/2008	17	2,660	9 ^v	629 ^v	\$1,063,870 ^v
Preston Co.	2004/2007	6	767	6	767	\$1,121,600
Summers Co.	2004/2007	4	900	4	900	\$567,250
Upshur Co.		1	175	1	175	\$170,250
Wisconsin						
Landmark Conservancy (formerly known as Bayfield Regional Conservancy)	2002/2003	4	193	4	193	\$274,160
Dane Co. ^v	1996/1997	17	1,693	17	1,693	\$928,481
Dunn, Town of	1996/1997	38	3,763	38	3,763	\$4,309,870
Rock Co.		13	1,939	13	1,939	\$1,246,163
LOCAL TOTALS		10,160	1,081,323	5,455	542,608	\$2,110,181,808

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\$12,071,000	Appropriations, local government contributions, private contributions, transient lodging tax, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
\$2,865,067	Appropriations, farm lease revenue, local government contributions, private contributions, street closure revenue, transient lodging tax, use value assessment withdrawal penalties	
\$150,000	Appropriations, local government contributions, private contributions, real estate transfer tax, transient lodging tax, use value assessment withdrawal penalties, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
\$2,075,000	Appropriations, local government contributions, private contributions	
\$0		
N/A	Local government contributions	
N/A	Bonds, local government contributions, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
\$0	Appropriations, transient lodging tax, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
N/A	Local government contributions, private contributions	
\$5,133,253	Appropriations, property tax revenue, Special Revenue fund	
		Washington
N/A	Appropriations, bonds, local government contributions, private contributions, property tax revenue, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
N/A	Bonds, property tax revenue, real estate transfer tax, timber excise tax	
\$4,437,866	Local government contributions, private contributions, property tax revenue , real estate transfer tax, timber excise tax, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
\$0	Property tax revenue	
\$4,991,000	Private contributions, property tax revenue , real estate transfer tax, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
		West Virginia
N/A	Real estate transfer tax, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
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N/A	Real estate transfer tax, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
N/A	Real estate transfer tax, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
		Wisconsin
\$0	Local government contributions, private contributions, property tax revenue, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
N/A	Property tax revenue, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
\$856,179	Appropriations, bonds, local government contributions, private contributions, property tax revenue , FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
\$949,280	Sales tax, ATC Environmental Impact Fee, Sale Proceeds of County Property, FRPP/ACEP-ALE	
\$191,177,723		

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Independent Program Funds Spent to Date

Dollars spent by each program to acquire easements/restrictions on farms/ranches through independent projects. This number excludes dollars spent on joint projects with county and/or state programs. Amounts may include unspent funds that are encumbered for installment payments on completed projects. Unless otherwise noted, this figure does not include incidental land acquisition costs—such as appraisals, insurance and recording fees—or the administrative cost of running the program. These figures do not include additional funds contributed by federal programs, other localities, private land trusts, foundations and/or individuals.

Program Funds Available

Program funds available for the current fiscal year to acquire easements on agricultural land.

Funding Sources Used to Date













Sources of funding for each program. Funding sources in green indicate primary funding source for 2019. “Transportation funding” refers to federal money disbursed under The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act and its predecessors for “transportation enhancements.” Easement acquisitions that protect scenic views and historic sites along transportation routes were eligible for these funds prior to 2012.

The Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB) Program, authorized by the Department of Defense’s Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) program, provides funds to establish easement-protected buffer areas around military installations.

The Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) protects agricultural land and conserves wetlands. It consolidates the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program

(FRPP), the Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) and the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP). The Agricultural Land Easements (ALE) component of ACEP provides matching funds to eligible entities to buy conservation easements on farm and ranch land. In the table, ACEP-ALE includes FRPP.

Leading Local PACE Programs as of January 2020

LOCALITY	EASEMENTS	ACRES PROTECTED
 Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	1,022	83,086
 Carroll County, Maryland	638	71,649
 Baltimore County, Maryland	481	67,051
 Frederick County, Maryland	446	62,186
 Harford County, Maryland	458	51,461
 Routt County, Colorado	65	48,227
 Chester County, Pennsylvania	521	41,284
 Douglas County, Colorado	32	40,232
 Sonoma County, California	85	36,161
 Washington County, Maryland	425	34,373
 Burlington County, New Jersey	252	33,203
 Lexington-Fayette County, Kentucky	277	30,395

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For more information on Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE), see the PACE fact sheet and other PACE resources on the Farmland Information Center (FIC) website. Our Farmland Protection Directory features a listing of public programs and land trusts that protect agricultural land. The FIC is a clearinghouse for information about farmland protection and stewardship and is a public/private partnership between the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and American Farmland Trust.