

# GALLATIN VALLEY CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP

## Funding Available to Agricultural Producers

### For Conservation and Stewardship

A new program to safeguard the agricultural heritage, productive soils, and vital streams of the Gallatin Valley brings a special five-year funding pool for local conservation projects.

In 2015, the Natural Resources Conservation Service awarded \$3.8M in funding to the Gallatin Valley Regional Conservation Partnership Program.

This funding will be used to develop conservation easements and implement stewardship projects on working farms and ranches with the goal of enhancing water quality, soil health, and water quantity.

In the Gallatin Valley, NRCS is partnering with local agricultural and conservation groups led by the Gallatin Valley Land Trust to provide project assistance to producers and landowners.



### Conservation Easements

A conservation easement permanently protects the agricultural viability of a property.

Funding is available to compensate landowners for conservation easements on important agricultural properties through the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program.

### Stewardship Projects

Agricultural producers can receive technical assistance and cash reimbursement for projects that enhance soil health and water quality/quantity.

Funding is available through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

### Program Priorities

- Located within focus area (see map)
- Contains prime or unique agricultural soils
- Near important waterways, especially Camp Creek or the East Gallatin River

### To Learn More:



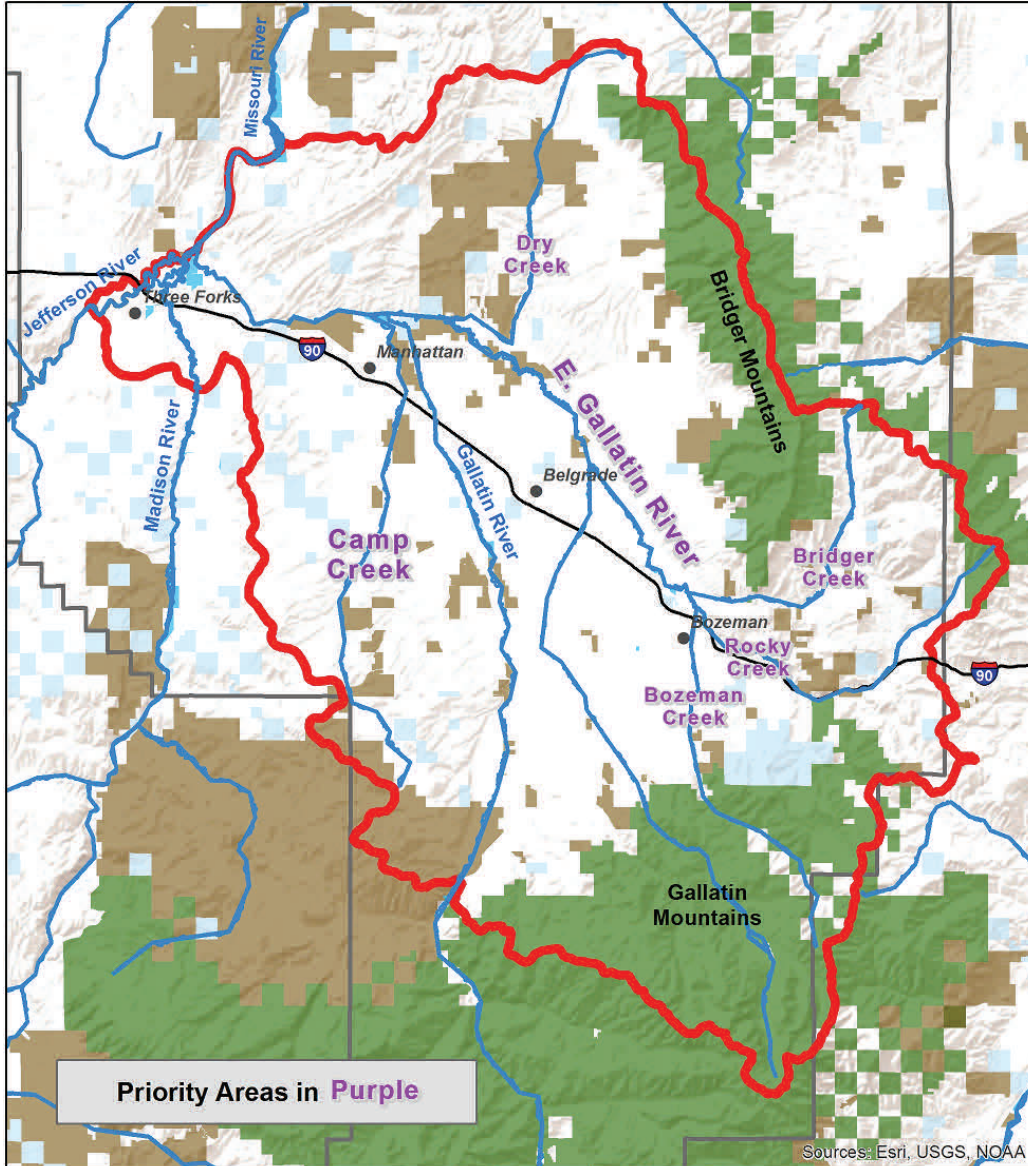
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# Program Map

# Program Partners



Priority Areas in Purple

**Legend**

|                        |                     |  |
|------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Project Area           | <b>Public Lands</b> | <br><br>Scale = 1:650,000<br>GVLТ 02-04-2015 |
| Conservation Easements | MT FWP              |  |
|                        | MT DNRC             |  |
|                        | US Forest Service   |  |



- Lead Partners**
- Gallatin Valley Land Trust
  - Natural Resources Conservation Service

- Collaborating Partners**
- Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators
  - City of Bozeman
  - Gallatin Conservation District
  - Gallatin County
  - Gallatin County MSU Extension
  - Gallatin Local Water Quality District
  - Gallatin National Forest
  - Greater Gallatin Watershed Council
  - Heart of the Rockies Initiative
  - Montana Association of Land Trusts
  - Montana Dept. of Natural Resources & Conservation
  - Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
  - Montana Land Reliance
  - National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation
  - Sacajawea Audubon Society
  - Trout Unlimited
  - The Trust for Public Land