



Gallatin Valley Conservation Partnership

CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

Funding Available to Landowners For Conservation Easements

A new program to safeguard the agricultural heritage, productive soils, and vital streams of the Gallatin Valley brings a special funding pool for conservation easements on important agricultural lands through 2019.

A conservation easement is a voluntary agreement that permanently protects the agricultural viability of a property by restricting residential development and preventing conversion to nonagricultural uses. Conservation easements can be valuable tools for estate planning and passing the family land to heirs.

Funding is available to compensate landowners through the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service and through the Gallatin County Open Lands program. Tax benefits may also be available.

In the Gallatin Valley, NRCS is partnering with local agricultural and conservation groups led by the Gallatin Valley Land Trust to work with landowners to develop and purchase conservation easements.



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Conservation Easement Priorities:

- Working farms or ranches
 - Prime agricultural soils
 - Near important waterways
- Contact GVLТ to find out if your property qualifies for the special Gallatin Valley funding pool.*

To Learn More:



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