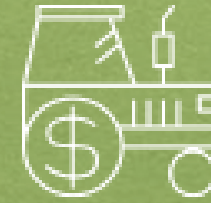




OREGON AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM (OAHP)

WHAT OAHP DOES



**Keep farms and
ranches in production**



**Support associated fish
and wildlife habitat**



**Leverage largely
untapped federal dollars**



OAHP Elements

Match grants for voluntary conservation

- **Permanent easements**
- **Temporary covenants**
- **Conservation management plans**

Succession planning workshops

Capacity building for grantee orgs

***Operated by OWEB, overseen by
Oregon Agricultural Heritage Commission***



Easements & Covenants

A conservation easement is a

- voluntary legal agreement
- between a landowner and land trust or government agency that
- permanently limits use of the land to protect its conservation values
- landowner retains land ownership!

OAHP Would bring in Federal Dollars

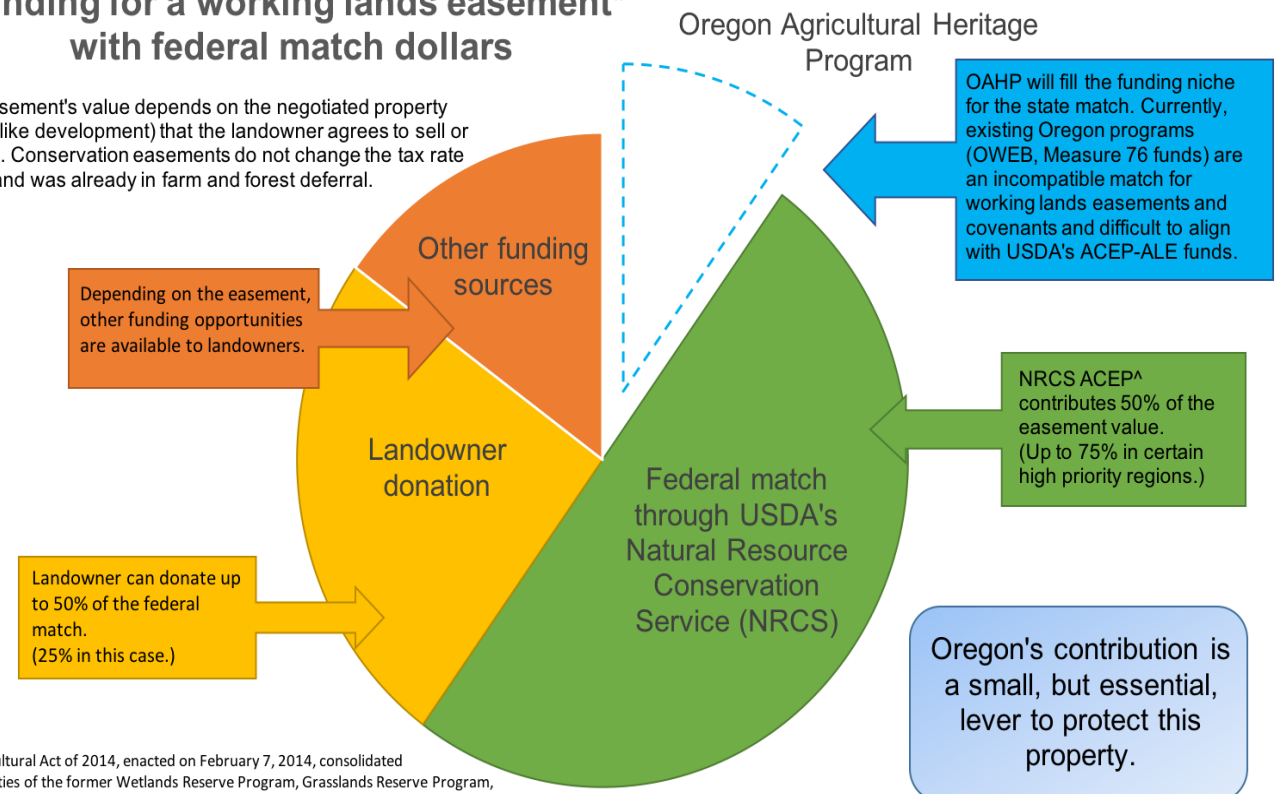
NRCS ACEP-ALE matches working lands easements 50-75%

States with funded match programs bring in 3.7 times as much \$

Oregon has only received 0.4% of ACEP-ALE Funds.

Funding for a working lands easement* with federal match dollars

*An easement's value depends on the negotiated property rights (like development) that the landowner agrees to sell or donate. Conservation easements do not change the tax rate if the land was already in farm and forest deferral.



[^]The Agricultural Act of 2014, enacted on February 7, 2014, consolidated the authorities of the former Wetlands Reserve Program, Grasslands Reserve Program, and Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program into the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP). ACEP provides financial and technical assistance to help conserve agricultural lands and wetlands and their related benefits.



Easement Opportunities

**2019 - 28 projects around Oregon
would have protected 76,000 acres**

**2018 Farm Bill allocates \$450M/year
2021 Spending package allocates \$1.7B
2023 Farm Bill – advocating for more**

**NRCS will be more likely to allocate
to Oregon if we have a funded match**

2022 Budgetary Ask

\$5 Million for:

- OWEB program administration
- Working lands easements and covenants
- Conservation management plan implementation

OAHP Design Process

Work Group Convened by
Governor's office

Six diverse nonprofits, OWEB,
one farmer, one rancher

Passed in 2017

Rules and Commission
established

