

Hawaii CREP Goals

It is the intent of USDA and the State of Hawaii that the Hawaii CREP seek to achieve the following goals for the six main Hawaiian Islands when fully implemented:

- *Reduce Sediment and nutrient runoff by 10 percent from current levels.*
- *Increase coral reef cover by 5 percent and substantially increase coral diversity on coral reefs throughout the State.*
- *Improve wildlife and plant habitats of at least 10 threatened or endangered species through restoration of native forest ecosystems and riparian buffers.*
- *Reforestation of native vegetation in riparian buffer zones as well as rare and declining native habitats.*
- *Increase groundwater recharge through the planting of trees in upland pastures.*
- *Reduction in control of invasive species in watersheds within the Hawaii CREP areas.*



The Hawaii Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is a partnership between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the State of Hawaii to address state specific environmental concerns.

Through CREP, program participants receive financial incentives to voluntarily enroll and remove cropland and pastureland from agricultural production and convert the land to native trees, shrubs, grasses, and other vegetation.

The USDA Farm Service Agency and Natural Resource Conservation Service and the State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources work together to implement the Hawaii CREP to 'Restoring Our Islands Mauka to Makai'.



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Definition

The rehabilitation of a degraded wetland or the reestablishment of a wetland so that soils, hydrology, vegetative community, and habitat are a close approximation of the original natural condition that existed prior to modification, to the extent practicable.

Purpose

To restore wetland function, value, habitat, diversity, and capacity to a close approximation of the pre-disturbance by:

- Restoring hydric soil
- Restoring hydrology (depth duration and season of inundation, and/or duration and season of soil saturation).
- Restoring native vegetation (including the removal of undesired species, and/or seeding or planting of desired species).

Annual Payment Rate:

- Based on Soil Rental Rate for the three predominate soils on the eligible cropland offered acres (\$140 - \$225)

Cost Share:

- Cost for installation of eligible practices reimbursed at 50% of an established payment schedule.
- Practice incentive payment (PIP) equal to 40% of practice cost.

Other Payments:

- Signing Incentive Payment (SIP) - \$100 per acre.
- Yearly maintenance payment - \$7 per acre
- Mid-term Management payment - \$150 per year per acre available 3 times during the contract (not to exceed \$450 per acre).

State DLNR Bonus Payment:

- An annual Hawaii CREP Incentive Payment (HCIP) in the amount of \$17 per acre per year for all CREP acreage enrolled into CRP practices.
- Funds may also be available for reimbursement of eligible cost-share practices. Eligible practices are to be determined by the State each year and will be available to enrolled participants.

Payment and Contract Duration:

14 - 15 years

Hawaii Recommended Practices:

- 327 -Conservation Cover
- 382 - Fencing
- 595 - Pest Management
- 612 - Tree/Shrub Establishment
- 614 - Watering Facilities
- 644 - Wetland Wildlife Habitat Mgt
- 645 - Upland Wildlife Habitat Mgt
- 657 - Wetland Restoration

Location:

Conservation practices are limited to eligible land meeting FSA's cropland definition, "land planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity 4 of the 6 years from 1996 to

2001 and be physically and legally capable of being planted in normal manner to an agricultural commodity"

Size:

There is no minimum size for these practices.

- CP23 Floodplain - Upland area are limited to a 3:1 ratio of upland to wetland areas.
- CP23A Non-Floodplain - Upland area are limited to a 4:1 ratio of upland to wetland areas.

Type of Cover:

Selection for native trees, shrub, grasses, or forbs should consider historical and present range of each species to determine if the site is appropriate for each individual species.

Practice Specifications:

Practice and vegetation shall conform to NRCS Technical Guide Specification.

Conservation Easements:

Landowners enrolled in the Hawaii CREP may donate a conservation easement to the State of Hawaii. Funds may be available for a bargain purchase based on competitive grant requested. For more information contact DLNR-DOFAW.

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