



United States Department of Agriculture

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Cattaraugus Local Development , Corp
Rick LeFeber, Executive Director
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Cattaraugus, NY 14719

Dear WRP Easement Owner,

Our records indicate that you are still the owner of land protected by a federal conservation easement under the Wetland Reserve Program. The easement has been recorded on your deed and is managed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

On site evaluations are made on a five year cycle with off-site monitoring conducted in interim years through aerial photography and GIS inventory. Though, different events may trigger the need for an on-site evaluation, for example, the creation of a new compatible use agreement (CUA) or a change in ownership. The purpose of monitoring the easement is to ensure compliance with easement requirements, evaluate restoration progress, determine repairs or enhancements needed to ensure maximum wetland/wildlife benefits, and to maintain contact with the landowner.

Please keep in mind that certain activities within the agreement area are not allowed without written authorization. Some examples of activities that require a Compatible Use Agreement (CUA) may include: mowing (except for dike and berm maintenance), firewood cutting, food plots, wetland water level manipulation, and recreational trails. Compatible Use Agreements are kept under review and have a term of which they will expire. If the agreement has been implemented according to plan, the agreement is renewed for another term. NRCS reserves the right to modify or cancel compatible use authorizations at any time if NRCS determines that such activities do not further the protection and enhancement of the wetland.

Please feel free to contact me for questions regarding CUA's or for issues that may arise regarding the wetlands. Thank you for your interest in wetlands and wildlife and good stewardship of the wetland.

If ownership of the property has changed or is expected to change please notify the Ellicottville Field Office at 716-699-2326x127.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela Perkins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Angela Perkins
District Conservationist, Ellicottville Field Office
Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA