# WV CREP **Memorandums of Agreement** As of September 2020

# Multiple MOAs exist to enable WV CREP operations

These include:

### **US Fish and Wildlife Service**

The following is an example of the MOU between FSA, FWS, and the participant.

#### CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM RESERVATION

#### Memorandum of Understanding

Vendor reserves the use of the property for agricultural purposes until
The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recognizes that the property is enrolled in the Conservation
Reserve Program and the vendor reserves the right to continue in the Conservation Reserve
Program and receive such payment, if any, as may be earned for the period ending
, 20 It is understood that the vendor is responsible for maintaining the property
according to the terms and conditions of the Conservation Reserve Program and that the vendor
will continue in the program for the duration of this reservation. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife

# WV CREP NRCS

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

Between the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and the Farm Service Agency (FSA),

for Implementation of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
Through September 30, 2023

#### I. Purpose

The purpose of this MOA is to provide for the implementation, cooperation, expectations, and responsibilities between NRCS and FSA in carrying out CRP.

# WV Division of Forestry through US Forest Service

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

Between

Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC),

Farm Service Agency (FSA),

And

Forest Service (FS)

For Implementation of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

#### I. Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to delineate the responsibilities of CCC, FSA, and FS with respect to the provision of CRP forestry practices technical assistance.

# WV Division of Forestry through US Forest Service Payments (NEW)

#### C. CCC will:

- Reimburse FS for all technical assistance resulting from forestry activities on newly enrolled and re-enrolled acreage for all forestry practices. These activities include, but are not limited to, CP3 Tree Planting, CP3A Hardwood Tree Planting, CP5A Field Windbreaks, CP16A Shelterbelts, CP11 Vegetative Cover - Trees – Already Established, CP22 Riparian Buffers, CP23 Wetland Restoration (floodplain), CP23A Wetland Restoration (non-floodplain), CP28 Farmable Wetland Pilot (Upland), CP31 Bottom Land Timber Establishment on Wetlands, CP36 Longleaf Pine, and SAFE tree practices (CP38C and CP38D).
- Base reimbursement on actual costs for CRP technical assistance (salary, transportation, supplies, indirect, etc.), as reported by the Forest Service. Reporting will be based on hours of technical assistance provided to support CRP practice implementation.

# WV Division of Forestry through US Forest Service Chesapeake Bay (NEW)

#### V. Chesapeake Bay Watershed Riparian Buffer Enrollment Initiative

CCC has been apportioned funds from OMB to support dedicated service forestry staff in the states of Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and New York for technical assistance work in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed to support riparian buffer establishment and maintenance. The Forest Service will administer technical assistance grants to these states. Each state will provide a minimum of 25 percent in matching funds. The Farm Service Agency will provide training to the dedicated foresters to clarify their responsibilities as CRP technical assistance providers (TSPs) and identify resources available to CRP TSPs.

#### The dedicated foresters will:

- A. Develop and implement targeted strategies to increase landowner enrollment in CREP, CRP, and landowner adoption and maintenance of CP22 and other conservation practices.
- B. Develop and conduct targeted landowner outreach campaigns aimed at increasing riparian buffer strip acreage enrollment.
- C. Provide forestry technical assistance to support the placement, design establishment and maintenance of riparian buffers, filters and related conservation practices.
- Establish, track and report annual riparian buffer and filter accomplishment goals and actual accomplishments.

# CREP AGREEMENT with State of West Virginia

#### MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,

THE COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION,

AND

THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

#### I. PURPOSE

This Memorandum of Agreement (Agreement) is between the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), and the State of West Virginia (West Virginia) to implement a Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), a component of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), for certain purposes within the Greenbrier and New River,

# CREP AGREEMENT State of West Virginia's Partners

E. Form a committee consisting of the following agencies, to advise other public and private groups on the implementation of the CREP: The West Virginia Conservation Agency, West Virginia Division of Forestry, West Virginia Department of Agriculture, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA-Farm Service Agency, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, West Virginia Division of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Each agency will designate an official primarily responsible for carrying out its duties under CREP.

# CREP AGREEMENT Chesapeake Bay Addendum (newest)

AMENDMENT #5 TO THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN

THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION AND THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this fifth amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement (Agreement) signed on April 19, 2002, as amended on December 18, 2002, October 25, 2004, December 31, 2007, and September 13, 2012, between the United States Department of Agriculture, Commodity Credit Corporation ("CCC") and the State of West Virginia, is to provide for additional incentive payments made by both CCC and the State of West Virginia, for certain riparian buffers located within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed portion of the West Virginia Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program project area identified as the Potomac River Watershed.

The following language is made as an amendment to the Agreement. All provisions of the Agreement not identified below remain unchanged.

# Work is underway to revise our current CREP Agreement again, to add:

- Monroe County drainage (remainder of Ches. Bay)
- Additional signup acres
- Increase rental rates
- Additional cover practices
- Additional partners

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# THE END

September 2020