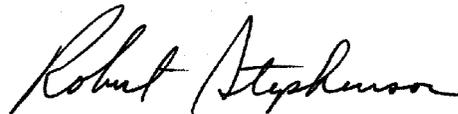


For: State Offices

2001 Training for Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Managers

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

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Background**

Currently, there are 15 CREP agreements that have been implemented and more than 10 proposed CREP agreements under development. Last year, the State of North Carolina hosted a National Forum to review implementation of CREP and to provide an opportunity for CREP managers to learn from the success of other States. This meeting was attended by FSA, NRCS, State, and local officials from existing CREP States and potential CREP States.

This year, the State of Maryland is hosting the second annual CREP meeting. The State has invited representatives from FSA to attend the meeting.

This meeting will provide an opportunity to review the following:

- current status of State CREP's
- discuss:
 - State Easement Programs
 - monitoring and evaluation efforts
 - the current use of geographic information systems
 - outreach and promotion activities
 - partnership activities
 - current status of CRP reauthorization.

A draft agenda developed by Maryland is provided in Exhibit 1.

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Disposal Date	Distribution
September 1, 2001	State Offices

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B

Purpose

This notice provides:

- who should attend
 - the scheduled dates and times of the training session
 - information about hotel accommodations
 - travel authorization information for attendees from each State.
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Attendees and Travel Funding

States with signed CREP agreements, pending proposals and/or agreements, or are considering a CREP proposal are authorized to attend. States with signed CREP agreements are authorized to use Washington-controlled travel funds for 1 representative per State to attend. States developing or planning to develop CREP agreements may attend, with State Executive Director's approval, using State-controlled travel funds.

Contact Chad Chadwell at 202-720-7674 or Michael Linsenbigler at 202-720-6303, **by May 11, 2001**, if there are any questions regarding attendance.

2 Training Information

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Training Dates

The training will be held in St. Michaels, Maryland from June 10 through June 13, 2001. St. Michaels is a small historic town located on the Chesapeake Bay. The town is about 1.5 hours from the Baltimore Washington International Airport and about the same time from Washington Reagan National Airport.

Registration will take place on Sunday, June 10, 2001, from 3 p.m. with a reception starting at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will start at 8 a.m. on Monday, June 11 and will end at 12 noon on Wednesday, June 13, 2001.

Participants should not schedule departing flights before 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

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Hotel Information

The meeting will be held at the Harbortowne Conference Center. Reservation must be made directly with the hotel by close of business May 11, 2001. The telephone number is 1-800-446-9066.

When making reservations with the hotel, participants shall specify that they will be attending the Maryland CREP meeting. The room rate which includes all meals is \$142 per day. Hotel check-in time is 3 p.m. and check-out time is 12 noon on the day of departure.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodation to attend or participate in this training should contact the hotel and airlines directly or Chad Chadwell at 202-720-7674 by May 11, 2001.

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Registration

The registration fee for the meeting is \$75. Send a \$75 check payable to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to:

Ms. Betsy Kulle
Department of Natural Resources
580 Taylor Avenue, E-1
Annapolis, MD 21401.

In addition, include the following:

- name
- organization
- address
- telephone
- FAX
- e-mail address
- travel authorization.

Each employee must have an approved AD-202 or FSA-164, as applicable, before incurring travel expenses. This notice does not constitute an approved travel authorization. The per diem rate for St. Michaels, Maryland, is \$142 a day (\$100 for lodging and \$42 for meals and incidental expenses).

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2 Training Information (Continued)

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Ground
Transportation**

Ground transportation from BWI airport to St. Michaels is available, via Dockside express at a cost of \$100 for a one-way trip. Dockside express should be contacted 1 day in advance of your scheduled pickup at 410-866-2643.

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Additional
Information or
Assistance**

Follow this table to request additional information.

IF additional information is needed on...	THEN contact...
training	either of the following: Chad Chadwell at 202-720-7674 Mike Linsenbigler at 202-720-6303.
travel or hotel accommodations	contact airlines or hotel directly.

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State Office and
Participant
Action**

State Offices and participants shall take the following action.

Step	Action
1	By COB May 11, 2001, participants shall register directly with the hotel.
2	By June 3, each participant shall notify Chad Chadwell or Mike Linsenbigler that they will be attending the training. The notification may be FAXed to 202-720-4619 or by e-mail.

Draft Agenda for June 2001 CREP Meeting

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
CREP MEETING
JUNE 10-13, 2001
HARBOR TOWN CONFERENCE CENTER
ST. MICHAELS, MD**

Sunday, June 10	Travel day reception in p.m.
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Welcome Dinner and Reception
Monday, June 11	Theme “ Program Successes/Lessons Learned” Moderator - Jeff Horan, Deputy Director, MD DNR/FWHS
7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
8:00 - 8:15	Welcome - Secretary Sarah Taylor-Rogers, MD DNR
8:15 - 8:30	Outline of Conference Objectives - Jeff Horan
8:30 - 10:00	State Reports - Presentations by the States
10:00 - 10:15	Break
10:15 - 12:30	State Reports (continued)
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch
1:30 - 1:45	Our Farms Our Future - Secretary Hagner Mister, MD Dept. of AG
1:45 - 2:45	Congress and the 2002 Farm Bill - Presentations from Congressional Staff
2:45 - 3:00	Field Tour Briefing - Patty Engler - MD NRCS
3:00 - 3:30	Break and Load Buses
3:30 - 6:00	Field Tour
6:00	Miles River Dinner Tour Onboard the “Patriot”

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Draft Agenda for June 2001 CREP Meeting (Continued)

Tuesday, June 12	Theme “Where do we go from here” Moderator - Royden Powell III, Assistant Secretary MD Dept. of AG
7:00 - 8:00	Breakfast
8:00 - 8:15	Comments - David Doss, MD State Conservationist NRCS
8:15 - 12:00	Talking CREP: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Value of Local Partnerships (Nongovernmental Organizations) 2. Planning for Success - Marketing Tools and Communication 3. Getting it Right - Discussion on Technical Issues
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch/Briefing
1:00 - 1:15	Comments - MD State Direction FSA
1:15 - 3:00	The 2002 Farm Bill and CREP: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Federal Perspectives 2. Our Conservation Partner and the 2002 Farm Bill
3:30 - 6:30	Free time
6:30	Dinner
Wednesday, June 13	Wrap Up/Travel Day
8:00 - 11:00	Wrap up, Q & A and final discussion
11:00	Lunch
