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## Background

- In June 2007, the Northern California Regional Land Trust (NCRLT) was awarded a grant by the California Farmland Conservation Program (CFCP) to conduct farmer outreach and encourage the long-term, private stewardship of agricultural lands through the voluntary use of agricultural easements in Glenn, Butte and Tehama counties.





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## Selection Criteria

### – Desirable Soil Types

- Prime Farmland (Irrigated).
- Farmland of Statewide Importance (Irrigated).
- Unique Farmland (Irrigated).

### – Working Land

- Land must have been cropped in the last 4 years; preference given to active farmland.





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## Selection Criteria (cont')

### – Crop Type

- Higher value crops (almonds, rice, walnuts) are ranked higher than lower value crops (irrigated pasture, alfalfa).

### – Property Size

- >50 acres; >100 acres preferred





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## Financial Assistance Available

- \$30,000 is available for appraisals on a first come first serve basis (appraisals typically average around \$6,000 per 50-100 acre property).
- DOC funding is currently available for agricultural easements that protect “High Quality Farmland.”
- NRCS Farmland and Ranchland Protection Program funding is also currently available for agricultural easements.





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## Supporters

The following organizations support NCRLT's *Irrigated Farmland Protection Project*:

- California Farmland Conservancy (CFCP)
- Glenn County Resource Conservation District
- Tehama County Resource Conservation District





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## NCRLT Credentials

- Have been helping willing landowners gain the economic benefits of protecting their land for over 17 years
- Holder of 14 agricultural and conservation easements protecting over 5,800 acres of farmland, rangeland, wildland (non-working land), and mitigation land in Butte and Tehama Counties
- Holder of 4,200-acre Llano Seco Rancho agricultural easement that protects 1,870-acres of working farmland, 1,715-acres of rangeland, and 736 acres of pristine riparian habitat in Butte County





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- NCRLT Philosophy
  - In order to be successful, land conservation must not only incorporate sound science, but also promote and enhance regional economic opportunities and equitable relationships between people and the land.
  - NCRLT recognizes that there must be a reasonable balance between the demand for timber, agriculture and development, while maintaining a high quality of life for generations to come.





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## HOW CAN I APPLY FOR CFCP FUNDING?

- Visit our website at [www.landconservation.org](http://www.landconservation.org) and download a NCRLT Project Application
- Or, contact the Northern California Regional Land Trust (NCRLT) at (530) 894-7738 or [ncrlt@landconservation.org](mailto:ncrlt@landconservation.org)

