

# 2018 FARM BILL - WETLANDS POLICY COALITION OBJECTIVES

## TITLE II - AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM

### WETLAND RESERVE EASEMENT (WRE)

#### I. PRE-CONFERENCE FUNDING ANALYSIS

	House	Senate
2019	\$500.0 M	\$400.0 M
2020	\$500.0 M	\$400.0 M
2021	\$500.0 M	\$400.0 M
2022	\$500.0 M	\$425.0 M
2023	\$500.0 M	\$450.0 M
TOTALS	\$2,500.0 M	\$2,075.0 M

#### Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Analysis:

- House: Waives the AGI requirement for WRE.
- Senate: No similar provision.

#### County Cap Analysis:

- House: No similar provision.
- Senate: The 10 percent county cap is increased to 15 percent.

#### Prior Policy Retainment:

- House and Senate: All WRE desired policies from the 2014 Farm Bill are retained.

#### II. DESIRED POLICIES POST-CONFERENCE

- Provides funding in the following amounts: FY19-FY23: \$500 million.
- The AGI is waived for WRE.
- The 10 percent county cap is increased to 15 percent.
- Policies Retained from the 2014 Farm Bill in the 2018 Farm Bill:
  - Wetland Reserve Enhancement Option.
  - Spending WRE funding on existing easements (WRP and WRE).
  - County cap exemption for cropland in Classes IV – VIII with subclass W.
  - 24-month eligibility requirement.
  - “No Year Funding.”
  - “Wetland Reserve” as program identity.
  - Eligibility for CRP acres already planted in trees.

