



Sonoma Land Trust is participating in an exciting partnership that will leverage federal dollars to advance the pace of conservation and restoration in Sonoma County.

Led by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District in conjunction with Sonoma Land Trust and other partners, the [Sonoma County Venture Conservation](#) (SCVC) partnership matches local knowledge, funding and resources with federal funds through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), a program of the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

The SCVC program's goals are to protect and restore water, soil and habitat quality, with an emphasis on climate resiliency, healthy riparian corridors, groundwater recharge, and fish and wildlife habitat. The two main strategies that SCVC will use to achieve these goals are (1) implementation of on-farm conservation practices through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and (2) acquisition of conservation easements over agricultural land through the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP).

At this time, the SCVC is pleased to announce an open enrollment period for submitting applications to NRCS for agricultural conservation easement funding! Applications must be submitted by a land trust or agency qualified to hold conservation easements in collaboration with a private landowner. For contact information and other program details, click [here](#).