



News Release

October 23, 2024 – Whitewater Draw Natural Resource Conservation District (NRCD) and the Arizona Association of Conservation Districts (AACD) have been awarded over \$5 million through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) FY 2024 Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPD).

This project will support two agricultural conservation easements in Arizona, increasing biodiversity through the protection of more than 2,000 acres of historic ranchland and open space. This project will also include the implementation of conservation practices to address resource concerns related to drought, wildfire, and climate uncertainty.

The success of this project is a result of close collaboration between federal and local partners, including NRCS, Whitewater Draw NRCD, AACD, US Forest Service, and local ranchers.

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