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## USDA CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AND LOCAL TAX BASE

Local tax revenues on more than 200,000 acres in the 6-county South Delta area have already been impacted by federal acquisitions, state acquisitions and federal conservation programs such as WRP. Accordingly, county officials and local property owners in the area have expressed a preference for the option of conservation easements instead of fee simple acquisition in the case of water resource projects and other federal programs in the South Delta.

In order to make certain that any future reforestation *contracts* associated with CRP leave the county property tax base “whole and harmless”, it is proposed that state laws and the tax assessors manual allow county officials to receive an equivalent per-acre revenue on those croplands enrolled in CRP for the *life of the contract*.

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