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Dear Mr. Ellis:

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has completed the review and ranking for our fiscal year 2015 Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP). I am pleased to inform you that the proposal for the Agricultural Land Easement (ALE) submitted by the City of San Antonio for the MWM Helotes Ranch, LTD property in Bexar County has been selected for funding.

A Cooperative Agreement has been drafted that will be executed obligating \$2,905,000 for the purchase of a conservation easement, to protect the agricultural uses on 1105 acres.

Claude Ross, Natural Resources Specialist, will be contacting you to arrange a meeting to review the Cooperative Agreement with you. You may contact him at 254-742-9822 or email <u>Claude Ross@tx.usda.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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John W. Mueller

State Conservationist

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