

A TRAINING COURSE FOR MITIGATION BANKING & IN-LIEU FEE PROGRAM INTERAGENCY REVIEW TEAMS

Offered By:

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Agenda

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**The National Conservation Training Center
Shepherdstown, West Virginia**

Training Course Description:

This course is designed to increase the effectiveness of Interagency Review Teams (IRTs) in reviewing proposed 3rd party mitigation and overseeing their operation. New policies guiding compensatory mitigation conducted under §404 of the Clean Water Act will further institutionalize the role of IRTs in overseeing the establishment and management of mitigation banks and in-lieu fee programs. Members of IRTs include regional representatives from a variety of federal agencies and, where appropriate, tribal, state, and local regulatory and resource agencies. This course is designed to increase the effectiveness of IRTs in reviewing mitigation proposals and overseeing the operation of mitigation banks and in-lieu fee programs.

Course Objectives:

The five-day session is designed to provide participants with:

- A thorough grounding in the relevant federal policy and regulations guiding the review, establishment, and management of mitigation banks and in-lieu fee programs;
- Solid expertise in how to effectively and efficiently review and oversee the establishment and operation of mitigation banks and in-lieu fee programs; and
- The leadership skills necessary to be an effective member of an interagency review team.

Day 1: Monday, June 15th

- 8:00 – 9:00** **Welcome and Introductions/Course Highlights**
Kris Hoellen, The Conservation Fund
Palmer Hough, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- 9:00 – 9:15** **Opening remarks**
Jay Slack, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, National Conservation
Training Center
- 9:15 – 9:30** **BREAK**
- 9:30 – 11:30** **Session 1: Overview of 3rd Party Mitigation Policy and
Regulations**
Bob Brumbaugh, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Institute for
Water Resources
Palmer Hough, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- 11:30 – 12:30** **LUNCH**
- 12:30 – 1:00** **Session 2: RIBITS, Reporting, and a Demonstration**
Steve Martin, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District
- 1:00 – 1:45** **Session 3: 3rd Party Mitigation Documentation – From
Conceptual Plan to Final Instrument**
Palmer Hough, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- 1:45 – 3:15** **Exercise 1: Mock Review of Banking Instruments (Part A)**
(includes break)
Kris Hoellen, The Conservation Fund
- 3:15 – 4:00** **Session 4: The Role of IRTs / Role of State and District
Policy and Regulations**
Steve Martin, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District
Dave Davis, Virginia DEQ
- 4:00 – 5:00** **Session 5: Successful Practices of IRTs –
“What’s Working”**
Facilitator: Kris Hoellen, The Conservation Fund
- 5:00 – 5:15** **First Day Wrap Up, Evaluations & Adjourn**
Kris Hoellen, The Conservation Fund

Day 2: Tuesday, June 16th

- 8:00 – 8:15** **Morning Announcements / Questions**
Kris Hoellen, The Conservation Fund
- 8:15 – 9:15** **Session 6: Proactively Addressing Ecological Considerations for Mitigation Bank Site Selection and Design – Case Study from Virginia**
Steve Martin, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District
Dave Davis, Virginia DEQ
- 9:15 – 10:30** **Session 7: In-Lieu Fee Mitigation**
Palmer Hough, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Steve Martin, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District
- 10:30 – 10:45** **BREAK**
- 10:45 – 12:00** **Session 8: The Business of Banking**
Craig Denisoff, Westervelt Ecological Services
- 12:00 – 1:00** **LUNCH**
- 1:00 – 1:45** **Session 9: Framework for Enforceable Performance Standards**
Steve Martin, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District
- 1:45 – 3:15** **Session 10: Collaborative Decision-Making & Negotiation Skills – Striving for Consensus**
Cynthia Wood, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District
- 3:15 – 3:30** **BREAK**
- 3:30 – 5:00** **Session 11: Real Estate Protection Instruments**
Rebecca Rowden, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District
Cynthia Wood, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District
- 5:00 – 5:15** **Second Day Wrap Up, Evaluations & Adjourn**
Kris Hoellen, The Conservation Fund

Day 3: Wednesday, June 17th

- 8:00 – 8:15** **Morning Announcements / Questions**
Kris Hoellen, The Conservation Fund
- 8:15 – 9:45** **Session 12: Financial Assurances for Mitigation Project Success**
Paul Scodari, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Institute for Water Resources
Mark Camsky, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District
- 9:45 – 12:00** **Exercise 2: Mock Review of Banking Instruments (Part B)**
(includes break)
Kris Hoellen, The Conservation Fund
- 12:00 – 1:00** **LUNCH**
- 1:00 – 2:15** **Session 13: Wetland Credit Determination**
John Mack, Cleveland Metroparks
- 2:15 – 2:30** **BREAK**
- 2:30 – 3:45** **Session 14: Stream Credit Determination**
Will Harman, Michael Baker Corp.
- 3:45 – 4:45** **Session 15: Service Area Determination**
Bob Brumbaugh, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Institute for Water Resources
- 4:45 – 5:00** **Third Day Wrap-Up, Evaluations & Adjourn**
Kris Hoellen, The Conservation Fund
- 7:00 – 8:30 pm** **Evening Session: Conservation Banking – Different from Wetland Mitigation Banking? *(optional)***
Deblyn Mead, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Headquarters

Day 4: Thursday, June 18th

- 8:00 – 8:15** **Morning Announcements / Questions**
Kris Hoellen, The Conservation Fund
- 8:15 – 9:30** **Session 16: Wetland Credit Release Schedules and Ecological Performance Standards**
John Mack, Cleveland Metroparks

- 9:30 – 9:45** **BREAK**
- 9:45 – 11:00** **Session 17: Stream Credit Release Schedules and Ecological Performance Standards**
Will Harman, Michael Baker Corp.
- 11:00 – 12:00** **Session 18: Long-Term Management Plans**
Sherry Teresa, Center for Natural Lands Management
- 12:00 – 1:00** **LUNCH**
- 1:00 – 1:45** **Session 19: 3rd Party Mitigation Oversight & Compliance**
Steve Martin, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District
- 1:45 – 5:30** **Exercise 3: Mock Review of Banking Instruments (Part C) & Monitoring Report** *(includes break before 3 pm)*
Kris Hoellen, The Conservation Fund
- 5:30 – 5:45** **Fourth Day Wrap-Up, Evaluations & Adjourn**
Kris Hoellen, The Conservation Fund

Day 5: Friday, June 19th

- 8:00 – 8:15** **Morning Announcements / Questions**
Kris Hoellen, The Conservation Fund
- 8:15 – 9:30** **Session 20: Property Analysis Record (PAR) –Case Study**
Sherry Teresa, Center for Natural Lands Management
- 9:30 – 9:45** **BREAK**
- 9:45 – 11:15** **Session 21: Dispute Resolution**
Cynthia Wood, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District
Palmer Hough, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- 11:15 – 12:00** **Final Wrap-Up, Evaluations & Presentation of Certificates**
Kris Hoellen, The Conservation Fund