

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

Offered By:

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Shepherdstown, WV**

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 21:

- 8:00 – 9:15** **Welcome and Introductions/Course Highlights**
Kris Hoellen, The Conservation Fund
Jay Slack, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, National Conservation
Training Center
Palmer Hough, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- 9:15 – 9:30** **BREAK**
- 9:30 – 12:00** **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
- 12:00 – 1:00** **LUNCH**
- 1:00 – 2:15** **Session 2: 3rd Party Mitigation Documentation – From
Conceptual Plan to Final Instrument**
Palmer Hough, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- 2:15 – 2:30** **BREAK**
- 2:30 – 3:30** **Session 3: 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
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- 3:35 – 4:00** **Session 4: RIBITS, Reporting, and a Demonstration**
Steve Martin, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District
- 4:00 – 5:15** **Session 5: The Business of Banking**
Craig Denisoff, Westervelt Ecological Services
- 5:15 – 5:30** **First Day Wrap Up, Evaluations & Adjourn**
Kris Hoellen, The Conservation Fund

Day 2: Tuesday, June 22:

- 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 – 9:30** **BREAK**
- 9:30 – 11:30** **Session 7: In-Lieu Fee Mitigation**
Stavie Craddock, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Steve Martin, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District
- 11:30 – 12:30** **LUNCH**
- 12:30 – 2:00** **Session 8: Collaborative Decision-Making & Negotiation Skills – Striving for Consensus**
Cynthia Wood, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District
- 2:00 – 2:45** **Session 9: Framework for Enforceable Performance Standards**
Steve Martin, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District
- 2:45 – 3:00** **BREAK**
- 3:00 – 5:00** **Session 10: Real Estate Protection Instruments**
Rebecca Rowden, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District
- 5:00 – 5:15** **Second Day Wrap Up, Evaluations & Adjourn**
Kris Hoellen, The Conservation Fund

Day 3: Wednesday, June 23:

- 8:00 – 8:15** **Morning Announcements / Questions**
Kris Hoellen, The Conservation Fund
- 8:15 – 9:45** **Session 11: Financial Assurances for Mitigation Project Success**
Paul Scodari, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Institute for Water Resources
- 9:45 – 10:00** **BREAK**
- 10:00 – 11:15** **Session 12: Wetland Credit Determination**
John Mack, Cleveland Metroparks

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- 11:20 – 12:30** **Session 13: Stream Credit Determination**
Will Harman, Stream Mechanics
- 12:30 – 1:30** **LUNCH**
- 1:30 – 2:30** **Session 14: Service Area Determination**
Bob Brumbaugh, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Institute for
Water Resources
- 2:30 – 5:15** **Exercise 1: Mock Review of Banking Instruments (Part A)**
(includes break)
Kris Hoellen, The Conservation Fund
- 5:15 – 5:30** **Third Day Wrap-Up, Evaluations & Adjourn**
Kris Hoellen, The Conservation Fund
- 7:00 – 8:30 pm** **Session 15: Conservation Banking – Different from
Wetland Mitigation Banking?**
Deblyn Mead, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Headquarters

Day 4: Thursday, June 24:

- 8:00 – 8:15** **Morning Announcements / Questions**
Kris Hoellen, The Conservation Fund
- 8:15 – 9:45** **Session 16: Wetland Credit Release Schedules and
Ecological Performance Standards**
John Mack, Cleveland Metroparks
- 9:45 – 10:00** **BREAK**
- 10:00 – 11:15** **Session 17: Stream Credit Release Schedules and
Ecological Performance Standards**
Will Harman, Stream Mechanics

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- 11:20 – 12:15** **Session 18: Long-Term Management Plans**
Sherry Teresa, Eco-Logical Solutions Consulting
- 12:15 – 1:15** **LUNCH**
- 1:15 – 2:00** **Session 19: 3rd Party Mitigation Oversight & Compliance**
Steve Martin, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District

- 2:00 – 5:15** **Exercise 2: Mock Review of Banking Instruments (Part B) & Monitoring Report** (includes break before 3 pm)
Kris Hoellen, The Conservation Fund
- 5:15 – 5:30** **Fourth Day Wrap-Up, Evaluations & Adjourn**
Kris Hoellen, The Conservation Fund

Day 5: Friday, June 25:

- 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, Eco-Logical Solutions Consulting
- 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