

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

## **Offered By:**

The Conservation Fund  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

## **Agenda**

**June 25-29, 2018**

**National Conservation Training Center  
*Shepherdstown, WV***

### **Training Course Description:**

This course is designed to increase the effectiveness of IRTs in reviewing mitigation proposals and overseeing the operation of mitigation banks, joint banks, and in-lieu fee programs. 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.

### **Course Objectives:**

The five-day course 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, joint 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
- The leadership skills necessary to be an effective member of an interagency review team

## **Day 1: Monday, June 25**

- 8:00 – 9:00**            **Welcome and Introductions/Course Highlights**  
Katie Allen, The Conservation Fund  
Palmer Hough, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,  
Wetlands Division
- 9:00 – 9:15**            **BREAK**
- 9:15 – 11:45**        **Session 1: Overview of 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Mitigation Policy and Regulations**  
Steve Martin, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Institute for  
Water Resources  
Palmer Hough, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,  
Wetlands Division
- 11:45 – 12:45**        **LUNCH**
- 12:45 – 2:15**        **Session 2: Third-Party Mitigation Instrument Documentation and Overview of IRTs**  
Palmer Hough, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,  
Wetlands Division  
Jeanne Richardson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk  
District
- 2:15 – 2:30**            **BREAK**
- 2:30 – 4:00**            **Session 3: Ecological Considerations for Strategic Site Selection and Design**  
Brian Topping, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of  
Wetlands Oceans and Watersheds  
Forrest Vanderbilt, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Institute for  
Water Resources
- 4:00 – 4:15**            **TRANSITION / BREAK** *\*no snacks or coffee available*
- 4:15 – 5:15**            **RIBITS Demo & Exercise**  
Location: G-24, I-East  
Steve Martin, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Institute for  
Water Resources
- 5:15 – 5:30**            **First Day Wrap Up**  
Location: G-24, I-East  
Katie Allen, The Conservation Fund
- 7:00 – 9:00 pm**        **Bonfire Social (Optional)**  
Location: Fire pit outside I-West

## **Day 2: Tuesday, June 26**

- 8:00 – 8:15**            **Morning Announcements / Questions**  
Katie Allen, The Conservation Fund
- 8:15 – 9:45**            **Session 4: Site Protection Mechanisms**  
Steve Martin, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Institute for  
Water Resources
- 9:45 – 10:00**        **BREAK**
- 10:00 – 11:30**       **Session 5: The Business of Banking**  
Craig Denisoff, Craig Denisoff Consulting
- 11:30 – 12:30**       **LUNCH**
- 12:30 – 1:30**        **Session 6: Service Area Determination**  
Michelle Mattson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Institute for  
Water Resources  
Melissa Scianni, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,  
Region 9
- 1:30 – 3:45**        **Session 7: In-Lieu Fee Mitigation**  
Palmer Hough, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,  
Wetlands Division  
Steve Martin, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Institute for  
Water Resources
- 3:45 – 4:50**        **Exercise: Service Area Determination**  
Katie Allen, The Conservation Fund
- 4:50 – 5:20**        **Exercise Report-out**  
Katie Allen, The Conservation Fund
- 5:20 – 5:30**        **Second Day Wrap Up**  
Katie Allen, The Conservation Fund
- 7:00 – 9:00 pm**    **Dessert Social & Peer Exchange Forum**  
Location: Roosevelt Room, Commons Building  
*Small group discussion where participants can have peer-to-peer dialogue on real-life issues on a specific topic area; refreshment provided.*

## **Day 3: Wednesday, June 27**

- 8:00 – 8:15**            **Morning Announcements / Questions**  
Katie Allen, The Conservation Fund
- 8:15 – 9:45**            **Session 8: Short-Term Financial Assurances for Mitigation Project Success**  
Steve Martin, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Institute for Water Resources
- 9:45 – 10:00**        **BREAK**
- 10:00 – 12:00**       **Session 9: Wetland & Stream Credit Determination**  
Michelle Mattson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Institute for Water Resources  
Brian Topping, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Wetlands Oceans and Watersheds
- 12:00 – 1:00**        **LUNCH**
- 1:00 – 2:30**        **Exercise: Mock Review of Draft MBI, Part A**  
Katie Allen, The Conservation Fund
- 2:30 – 2:45**        **BREAK / Transition back to classroom**
- 2:45 – 3:45**        **Mock Review Part A Report-out**  
Katie Allen, The Conservation Fund
- 3:45 – 5:15**        **Session 10: Performance Standards, Monitoring Requirements, and Credit Release**  
Michelle Mattson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Institute for Water Resources  
Melissa Scianni, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9
- 5:15 – 5:30**        **Third Day Wrap-Up**  
Katie Allen, The Conservation Fund – **CONFIRMED**
- 6:00 – 9:00 pm**      ***OPTIONAL ACTIVITY: Potomac River Paddle Trip***  
***Departure Time / Location: Meet at circular driveway outside Commons Building by 5:45 pm!***  
***\*Note: Pre-registration required***

## **Day 4: Thursday, June 28**

- 8:00 – 8:15**            **Morning Announcements / Questions**  
Katie Allen, The Conservation Fund
- 8:15 – 9:45**            **Session 11: How Conservation Banking Relates to Mitigation & Joint Banking**  
Melissa Scianni, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9  
Valerie Layne, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office
- 9:45 – 10:00**        **BREAK**
- 10:00 – 12:00**      **Session 12: Long-Term Management & Stewardship Funds**  
Rob Capriola, Westervelt Ecological Services  
Tim DiCintio, National Fish & Wildlife Foundation
- 12:00 – 1:00**        **LUNCH**
- 1:00 – 2:45**        **Exercise: Mock Review of Draft MBI, Part B**  
Katie Allen, The Conservation Fund
- 2:45 – 3:00**        **BREAK / Transition back to classroom**
- 3:00 – 4:15**        **Mock Review Part B Report-out**  
Katie Allen, The Conservation Fund
- 4:15 – 5:15**        **“Walk-About” – Onsite Field Trip**  
Katie Allen, The Conservation Fund
- 5:15 – 5:30**        **Field Trip Debrief / Fourth Day Wrap-Up**  
Katie Allen, The Conservation Fund

## **Day 5: Friday, June 29**

- 8:00 – 8:15**            **Morning Announcements / Questions**  
Katie Allen, The Conservation Fund
- 8:15 – 9:45**            **Session 13: 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Mitigation Oversight & Compliance**  
Jeanne Richardson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk  
District
- 9:45 – 10:00**         **BREAK**
- 10:00 – 11:30**        **Session 14: Dispute Resolution**  
Jeanne Richardson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk  
District  
Palmer Hough, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,  
Wetlands Division
- 11:30 – 12:00**        **Final Wrap-Up**  
Katie Allen, The Conservation Fund