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 3rd 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
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Day 5: Friday, June 29

8:00 – 8:15 Morning Announcements / Questions
Katie Allen, The Conservation Fund

8:15 – 9:45 Session 13: 3rd 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