

Recent resources:

This is a partial list of web sites of materials (mitigation bank templates, checklists, etc.) that comply with and/or support the mitigation regulations. This list is provided for informational purposes only and is not an endorsement of any particular document or approach. While templates, checklists, or agreements developed for purposes of compensatory mitigation for the Corps Regulatory Program need to comply with the mitigation regulations, the regulations also provide substantial flexibility for districts to account for regional differences in aquatic resource types, functions, and services. There are also legal considerations that vary among the various government jurisdictions (e.g., real estate and fiscal laws and ordinances) that may affect the content of templates or agreements. An instrument developed in one District or state may not be applicable in another.

Please forward any additional links that may be useful to Steve Martin (Institute for Water Resources) at steven.m.martin@usace.army.mil.

RIBITS (Regulatory In-lieu Fee Bank Information Tracking System):

RIBITS is a national web-based application that provides users with information on mitigation banking and in-lieu fee programs. Users can examine district- or state-specific guidelines & procedures for different aspects of compensatory mitigation.

RIBITS can be accessed through <http://ribits.usace.army.mil>

Examples of useful information available through RIBITS include::

California: In May 2008, California Department of Fish and Game and the Los Angeles, Sacramento, and San Francisco Districts revised several compensatory mitigation templates to comply with the mitigation regulations: including Mitigation Banking checklists, Template Bank Enabling Instrument, Template Property Assessment and Warranty, and Template Long-term Management Plan

Norfolk: Virginia Off-Site Mitigation Location Guidelines (public guidelines for the selection of offsite compensatory mitigation site locations), 2010 Template Mitigation Bank Instrument, 2009 Mitigations Dos & Don'ts, Prospectus Checklist

Mobile: Template Banking Instrument, Wetland Performance Standards, Prospectus Checklist

Huntington: Wetland and Stream assessment tools for the states of Ohio and West Virginia, including Indices of Biotic Integrity, Headwater Habitat Evaluation Indices, and the West Virginia Wetland and Stream Valuation Metric

Savannah: Template Conservation easements and Declarations of Restrictions, Mitigation Standard Operating Procedures.

Other Useful information:

Louisville:

Operational Draft HGM Regional Guidebook for high gradient intermittent & ephemeral streams in Western West Virginia & Eastern Kentucky

<http://www.lrl.usace.army.mil/orf/article.asp?id=2474&MyCategory=46>

HGM Functional Capacity Calculator

<http://www.lrl.usace.army.mil/orf/>

Memphis:

Mitigation guidelines:

http://www.mvm.usace.army.mil/regulatory/guidelines/mitigation_guidelines.asp

Missouri Stream Mitigation Method:

http://www.mvm.usace.army.mil/regulatory/guidelines/mitigation_guidelines.asp

Savannah

Compensatory Mitigation Standard Operating Procedures including Stream Mitigation Worksheets

<http://www.sas.usace.army.mil/regulatory/compensatory.html>

Guidelines to establish & operate mitigation banks:

<http://www.sas.usace.army.mil/regulatory/banking.html>

Wilmington:

Stream Mitigation Guidelines:

http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/wetlands/Mitigation/stream_mitigation.html

Los Angeles:

Special Area Management Plans (SAMPs)

<http://www.spl.usace.army.mil/samp/samp.htm>

Washington:

Selecting Mitigation sites using a watershed approach:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/mitigation/resources.html>

North Carolina Ecosystem Enhancement Program:

Extensive information available to the public including watershed assessments and cost data on wetland and stream mitigation projects

<http://www.nceep.net/>

Land Trust Alliance:

Source of information on site protection and management, including easements, training, publications

<http://www.landtrustalliance.org/>