

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District
Offsite Mitigation Options - January 2004

There are a number of options which can be considered by a permit applicant to satisfy mitigation requirements if the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District (District) determines that offsite mitigation, rather than preferred onsite mitigation, is appropriate for a particular project. Mitigation is normally accomplished in the same watershed where the impacts from the proposed project occur. There are two general types of offsite mitigation options which can be considered: wetland mitigation banks, and other reasonable site-specific actions that involve wetland restoration, creation and/or enhancement. The District alone has authority to determine acceptable compensatory mitigation proposals associated with permitted activities.

Wetland Mitigation Banks

Wetland mitigation banks provide wetland credits for sale and may have credits available for sale at any time. Provided below are the currently authorized banks, by watershed, including points of contact.

<u>Watershed</u>	<u>Bank Name</u>	<u>Controlling Entity</u>	<u>Watershed</u>	<u>Bank Name</u>	<u>Controlling Entity</u>
Des Plaines	Cricket Creek	County of DuPage Dept. of Env. Concerns 421 N. County Farm Road Wheaton, IL 60187 Bruce Maki (630) 682-7441	Kishwaukee	Kiswaukee	EcoLogic Planning 2517 Paulsen Road Harvard, IL 60033 Steve Weller (815) 334-9303
	Bank #1	Wetland Research, Inc.		Bottoms	Encap, Inc. 12950 State Rt 38 Dekalb, IL 60115
	Bank #2	53 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604 Donald Hey (312) 922-0777		Mark Southern (815)758-1621 Jane Carter (847) 741-5521	
	Butterfield Rd	Land and Water Resources 9575 W. Higgins Rd. Rosemont, IL 60018 John Ryan (847) 692-7170	Lake Michigan/ Chicago River/ Calumet River	Sauk Trail	EcoLogic Planning 2517 Paulsen Road Harvard, IL 60033 Steve Weller (815) 334-9303
	DP-Towpath	EcoLogic Planning 2517 Paulsen Road Harvard, IL 60033 Steve Weller (815) 334-9303	Fox River	Slough Creek	EcoLogic Planning 2517 Paulsen Road Harvard, IL 60033 Steve Weller (815) 334-9303
	Mink Creek	Land and Water Resources 9575 W. Higgins Rd. Rosemont, IL 60018 John Ryan (847) 692-7170		Ferson Creek	Land and Water Resources 9575 W. Higgins Rd. Rosemont, IL 60018 John Ryan (847) 692-7170
	Delaney Rd	Wetland Mitigation Inc. 2517 Paulsen Road Harvard, IL 60033 Steve Weller (815) 334-9303 John Ryan (847) 692-7170		Squaw Creek	Wetland Mitigation Inc. 2517 Paulsen Road Harvard, IL 60033 Steve Weller (815) 334-9303
Redwing Sl.	Wetland Mitigation Inc. 2517 Paulsen Road Harvard, IL 60033 Steve Weller (815) 334-9303 John Ryan (847) 692-7170	Big Sag		Big Sag Wetland Cons. P.O. Box 766 Grayslake, IL 60030 Steve Torres (847)223-5700	
Kankakee	Prairie Creek	Applied Ecological Services 17921 Smith Road P.O. Box 256 Brodhead, WI 53520 Steve Apflebaum (608)897-8641	Jelks Creek	Land and Water Resources 9575 W. Higgins Rd. Rosemont, IL 60018 John Ryan (847) 692-7170	

Other Site-Specific Projects or Actions

A final option includes projects and/or mitigation opportunities sought out by the prospective permittee. There are many resource management organizations, both government and non-government, that would welcome assistance in their own wetland restoration, creation and/or enhancement projects. The Corps will consider any reasonable proposal which can provide offsite mitigation to compensate for impacts to resource functions as a result of a permitted project.