



# Ohio Stream and Wetland In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Program

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Conservancy   
Protecting nature. Preserving life.

## Why Purchase Credits from The Nature Conservancy?

### Reduced Permitting Time

- Mitigation utilizing an in-lieu fee program has resulted in an average of 50 days to complete permits versus permittee-responsible mitigation which averages permitting times of 90-300 days
- Statewide stream and wetland credit availability allows one-stop shopping for mitigation needs

### Economically Advantageous

- No down payment required to reserve credits
- No requirements for maintenance, monitoring or long-term management

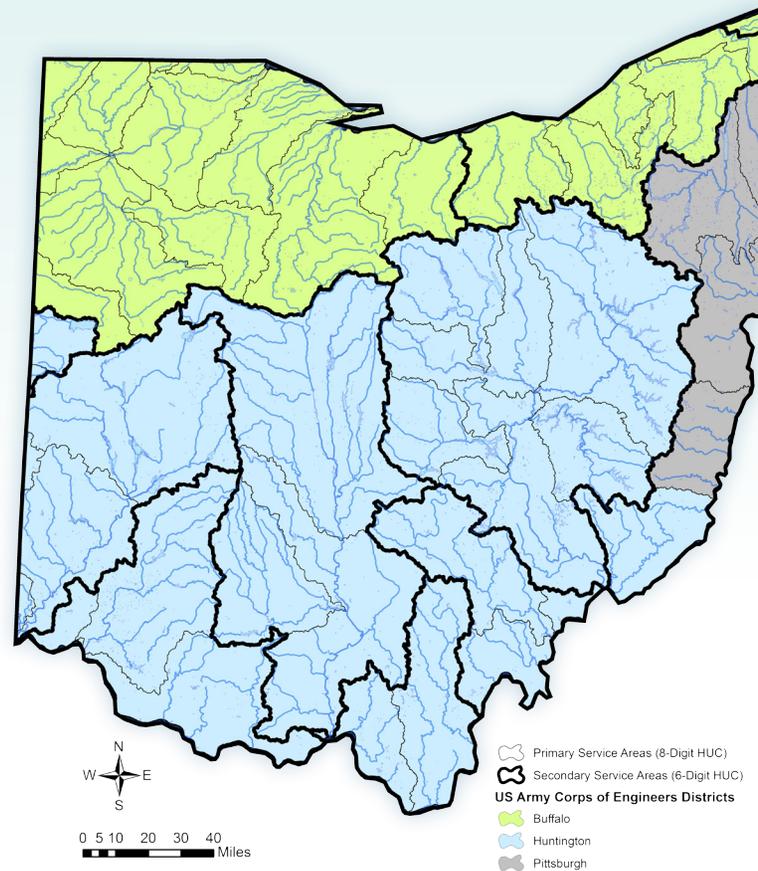
### Transfer Obligations and Liability

- Many small projects required for permittee-responsible mitigation often fail and require ongoing restoration and long-term management—resulting in 5-10 years of obligations
- Buying credits from the Conservancy means permittee obligations end once payment is made
- The Conservancy maintains a Contingency Fund that helps ensure a 100% restoration success rate

## The Preferred Ecological Alternative

The Conservancy consolidates money from many small permitted impacts to complete well-designed and strategically located projects that have a high chance of ecological success.

## The Nature Conservancy's 43 Service Areas Cover the Entire State



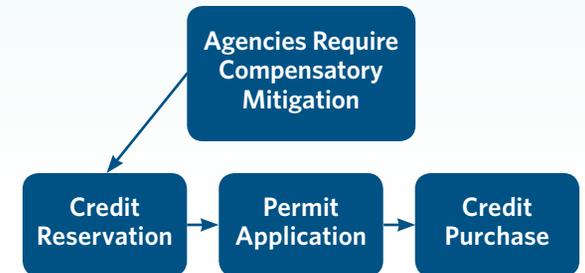
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## How to Purchase Stream and Wetland Credits

- Contact the Conservancy to inquire about credit availability
- Submit Credit Request Form to the Conservancy (no down payment required)
- Receive Credit Reservation Letter
- Use Reservation Letter in 401 and 404 permit applications
- Purchase credits once the permit is issued



## Once Credits are Purchased

The Conservancy assumes the mitigation obligation from the permittee. The Conservancy then identifies restoration sites and hires environmental consultants for the design and implementation.



## About Us

The Nature Conservancy is the leading conservation organization working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people.

## A Wealth of Experience

The Nature Conservancy is a leader in advancing mitigation strategies to achieve conservation goals and sustainable development. We work with a diverse set of stakeholders and follow a core set of mitigation principles, with a focus on avoiding and minimizing impacts before considering compensatory mitigation. Our approach draws on over four decades of experience in mitigation program design and project delivery to provide science-based, high-quality, and cost-effective mitigation solutions. Since 2003, the Conservancy has engaged in over 200 mitigation projects, helping to protect and restore over 1.6 million acres across the U.S.

## Our Advantage

- 65-year history of applying science-based approaches to achieve tangible conservation results
- Staff expertise to meet the turnkey needs of complex mitigation projects
- Strong working relationships with a wide variety of stakeholders, including regulatory authorities, industry, land trusts, and conservation organizations
- Experience to manage mitigation fees and meet the highest standards of legal and financial compliance with all applicable state and federal regulations