



Ohio Stream and Wetland In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Program

The Nature
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

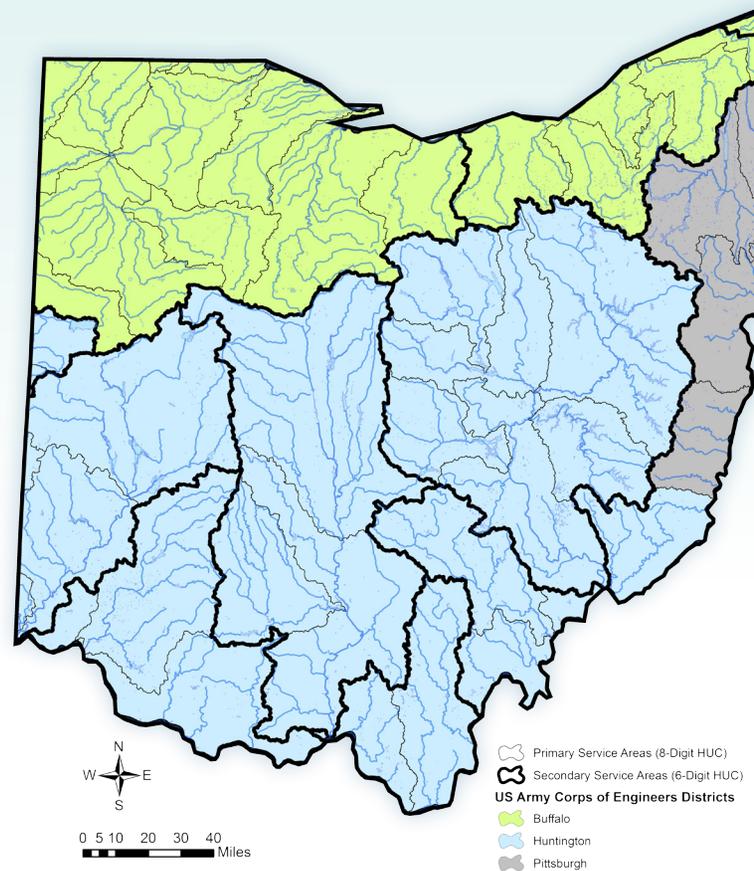
Transfer Obligations and Liability

- 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



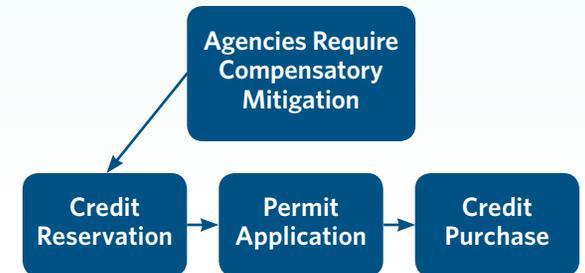
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How to Purchase Stream and Wetland Credits

- 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