



## RIBITS Background

Federal resource agencies, including the USACE, started an initiative several years ago to better track mitigation banking. The product resulting from this initiative is the RIBITS (**R**egional **I**nternet **B**ank **I**nformation **T**racking **S**ystem), which was developed by the USACE Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC) and Applied Research Associates, Inc. (ARA). In accordance with a national initiative, the implementation of RIBITS which is intended to bring transparency to mitigation banking (as well as In-Lieu Fees in the future) by providing public access to the location of bank sites, available credits and bank points of contact.

## RIBITS Instructions for Bankers

The new version of RIBITS can be found at <http://216.83.232.125:443/pls/htmldb/f?p=101>

Enter your username and password to login.

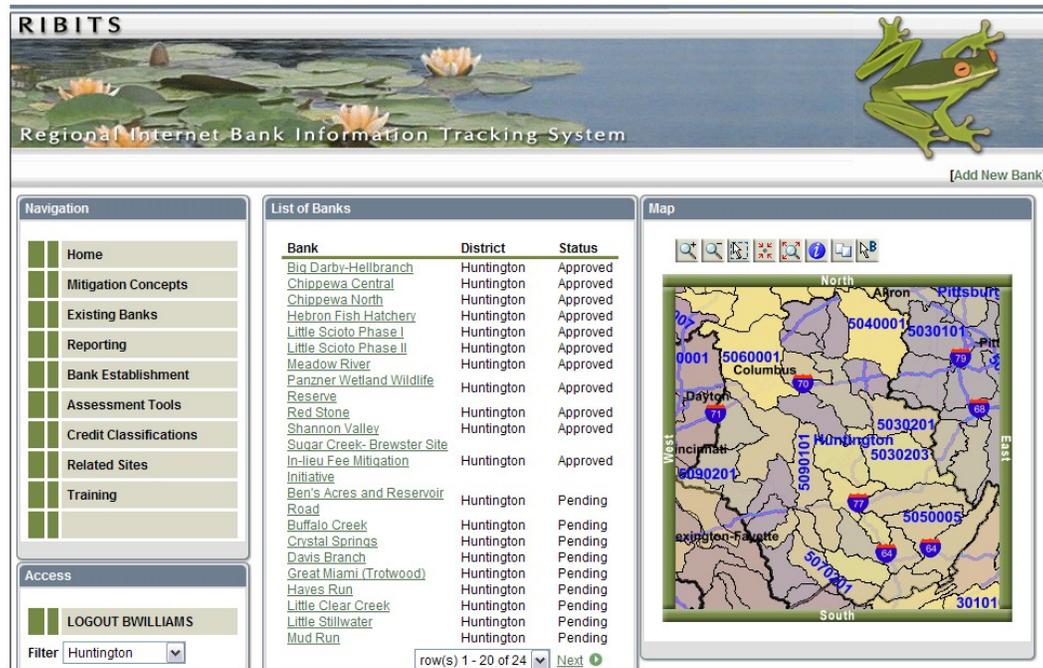
Go to the box in the lower left corner of the page labeled “Access”. Select from the drop down list of Districts next to the word “Filter”. That will take you to the District web pages. Currently data from Buffalo, Chicago, Huntington, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Louisville, Mobile, Norfolk, Pittsburgh, Portland, Sacramento, Savannah and Vicksburg are visible to the public.

Navigation around the RIBITS site is by the buttons on the left side of the page. Each button provides information on a different aspect of mitigation and mitigation banking. Both National and District-specific guidance is available for each of these topics based on the District selected when entering the site. For example:



- “Mitigation Concepts” includes copies of the Mitigation Rule and a very helpful glossary of terms.
- “Bank Establishment” identifies useful information related to the establishment of mitigation banks that is applicable across the United States and any District-specific guidance.
- The “Reporting” button allows the user to prepare and execute queries of the data in RIBITS.
- “Assessment Tools” provides references to aid in understanding the assessment methodologies utilized in the selected District.
- “Credit Classifications” identify the types of wetland and stream credits available for the specified District.

- “Existing Banks” lists all of the approved, pending, sold out, & terminated banks in the specified district.



**RIBITS**  
Regional Internet Bank Information Tracking System

[Add New Bank]

Bank	District	Status
<a href="#">Big Darby-Hellbranch</a>	Huntington	Approved
<a href="#">Chippewa Central</a>	Huntington	Approved
<a href="#">Chippewa North</a>	Huntington	Approved
<a href="#">Hebron Fish Hatchery</a>	Huntington	Approved
<a href="#">Little Scioto Phase I</a>	Huntington	Approved
<a href="#">Little Scioto Phase II</a>	Huntington	Approved
<a href="#">Meadow River</a>	Huntington	Approved
<a href="#">Panzner Wetland Wildlife Reserve</a>	Huntington	Approved
<a href="#">Red Stone</a>	Huntington	Approved
<a href="#">Shannon Valley</a>	Huntington	Approved
<a href="#">Sugar Creek- Brewster Site</a>	Huntington	Approved
<a href="#">In-lieu Fee Mitigation Initiative</a>	Huntington	Approved
<a href="#">Ben's Acres and Reservoir Road</a>	Huntington	Pending
<a href="#">Buffalo Creek</a>	Huntington	Pending
<a href="#">Crystal Springs</a>	Huntington	Pending
<a href="#">Davis Branch</a>	Huntington	Pending
<a href="#">Great Miami (Trotwood)</a>	Huntington	Pending
<a href="#">Hayes Run</a>	Huntington	Pending
<a href="#">Little Clear Creek</a>	Huntington	Pending
<a href="#">Little Stillwater</a>	Huntington	Pending
<a href="#">Mud Run</a>	Huntington	Pending

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- Clicking on one of the banks takes the user to a summary page for that bank. By clicking on one of the actions, such as “View Ledger” or “Cyber Repository” under the header, the user can access data specific to that bank.
- The user can use the map to identify banks in the vicinity of a specific project. By using the magnifying icons, one can zoom into a portion of the state. Click the “Find Bank” icon  and then click on a location on the map to display under “Map Results” a list of all the banks whose service areas include the project point selected. Each of the banks listed is actually a link to that bank’s summary page.

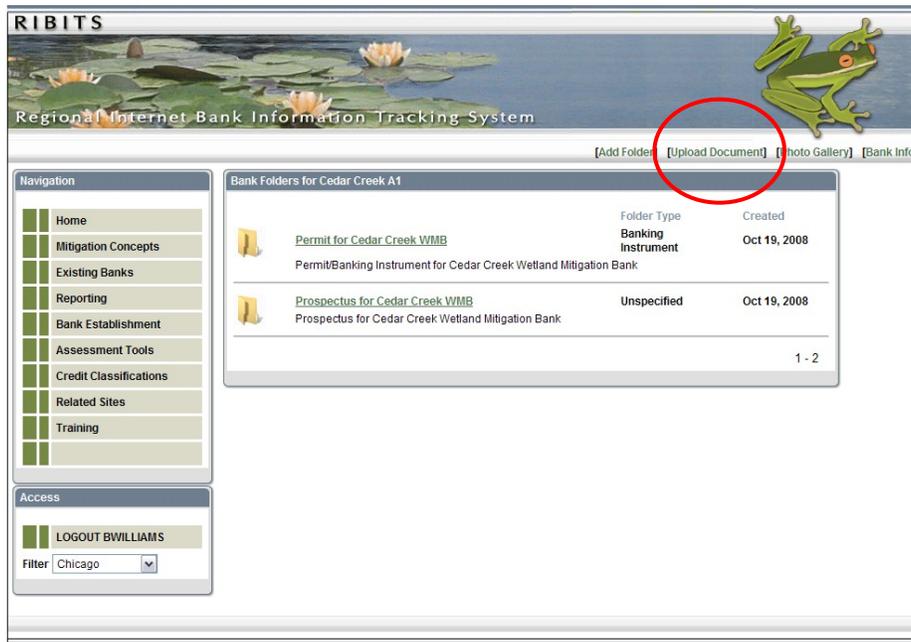
Bank sponsors POCs with user names and passwords have privileges in RIBITS:

- They are able to see information about their own banks even if the bank has not yet been set visible to the public.
- They may enter credit sales transactions in their bank’s Credit Ledger.
- They may upload documents to their bank’s Cyber Repository.

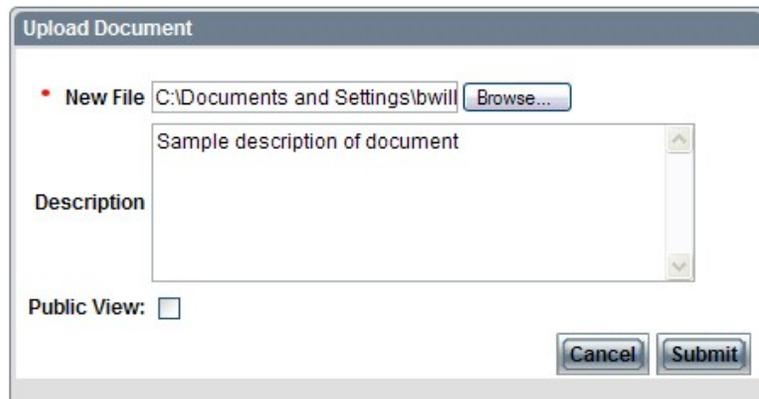


## Loading information in the Cyber Repository

Monitoring reports, correspondence, etc. can be loaded into each bank's library ("Cyber Repository").



- Under the header click on the action labeled "Upload Document".
- Select the file to be uploaded using the "Browse" command.
- Click the box labeled "Public View" if it is to be available to the public.
- Click on "Submit" to upload the document.



The 'Upload Document' dialog box shows a file selection process. The file path is C:\Documents and Settings\bwill. The description field contains 'Sample description of document'. The 'Public View' checkbox is unchecked. The 'Submit' button is highlighted.

