



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 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 Public Users

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

Do not attempt to enter a Username or Password; instead go to the box in the lower left corner of the page labeled “Access”

Select the District you are interested in from the drop down list of Districts next to the word “Filter”. Currently data from Buffalo, Chicago, Huntington, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Louisville, Mobile, Norfolk, Pittsburgh, Portland, Sacramento, Savannah and Vicksburg are visible to the public.

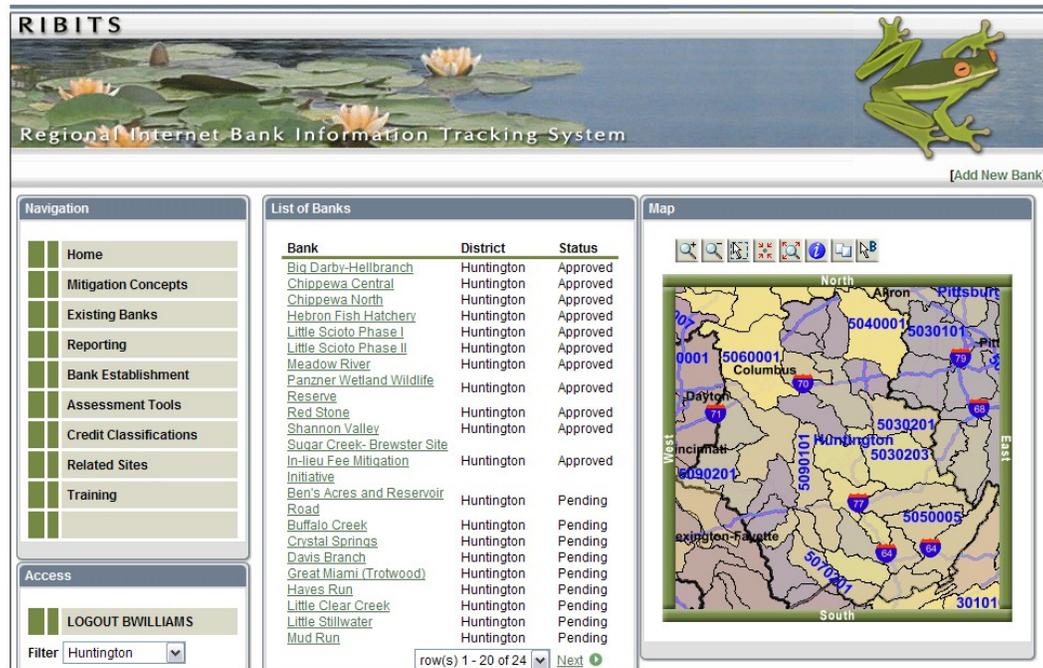
That will take you to that District’s RIBITS pages.

Navigate around the RIBITS site by using 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
Big Darby-Hellbranch	Huntington	Approved
Chippewa Central	Huntington	Approved
Chippewa North	Huntington	Approved
Hebron Fish Hatchery	Huntington	Approved
Little Scioto Phase I	Huntington	Approved
Little Scioto Phase II	Huntington	Approved
Meadow River	Huntington	Approved
Panzner Wetland Wildlife Reserve	Huntington	Approved
Red Stone	Huntington	Approved
Shannon Valley	Huntington	Approved
Sugar Creek- Brewster Site	Huntington	Approved
In-lieu Fee Mitigation Initiative	Huntington	Approved
Ben's Acres and Reservoir Road	Huntington	Pending
Buffalo Creek	Huntington	Pending
Crystal Springs	Huntington	Pending
Davis Branch	Huntington	Pending
Great Miami (Trotwood)	Huntington	Pending
Hayes Run	Huntington	Pending
Little Clear Creek	Huntington	Pending
Little Stillwater	Huntington	Pending
Mud Run	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.