

## INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED FOR A PERMITTEE-RESPONSIBLE MITIGATION PLAN

The **objectives** of the proposed mitigation:

- Identify the habitat type(s) (bottomland hardwoods, swamp, fresh marsh, pine savannah, etc.) that will be provided.
- Identify the amount (acres) of each habitat type that will be provided.
- Identify the aquatic functions to be restored/enhanced.
- Identify the methods of compensation (re-establishment, rehabilitation, enhancement, preservation) used to provide mitigation.

The **site selection** criteria:

- Identify factors that were considered when selecting the mitigation site
- Discuss the feasibility of the proposed construction work required to provide mitigation.
- Identify the location of the proposed mitigation in relation to the proposed project impacts within the watershed.

The proposed **site protection instrument**:

- Identify the proposed site protection instrument that would be utilized by the permittee.
- Identify the “holder” of that instrument if a “holder” is required.
- Identify the proposed future ownership arrangements and long-term management strategy for the proposed mitigation bank or in-lieu fee program.

**Baseline information** for the proposed site:

- Include a jurisdictional determination of “waters of the U.S.” from the Corps.
- Provide aerial photography of the project site.
- Show the property on NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) soil map.
- Show the property on a U.S.G.S. quad (U.S. Geologic Survey).
- Total acreage of the site (including any upland buffers and upland inclusions) and estimated wetland acreage.
- Provide site-specific maps and cross sections showing proposed work
- Summarize current site conditions including land use, vegetation, hydrology, and soils.

A **determination of credits**:

- Please calculate the estimated number of credits using the Charleston Method and submit a copy of the worksheet.
- Please include the rationale for how the chosen credit values were determined.
- Explain how the permittee responsible mitigation will provide compensation for proposed project impacts.

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**The mitigation work plan:**

- Describe how the mitigation will be accomplished.
- Describe the methods to be used to achieve the desired plant community
- Describe the plans to control exotic/invasive species
- Explain the sources of water for the site, including connections to existing waters and uplands.

**The maintenance plan for the proposed mitigation site:**

- Describe the maintenance schedule that will be applied to ensure that the mitigation site continues to be viable once the initial construction is complete.

**Site performance standards:**

- Please describe how the functions of the site will be measured to ensure that the site is achieving its objectives.

**Monitoring requirements for the site:**

- Provide a description of the parameters that will be monitored in order to determine that the mitigation site is on track to meet its success criteria.
- Provide the schedule for providing monitoring reports to the District Engineer.

**Provide the long-term management plan:**

- Identify the proposed long-term ownership.
- Identify the party responsible for long-term management.

**Provide the adaptive management plan:**

Identify how unforeseen changes in site condition will be addressed.  
Identify the party/parties that will be responsible for implementing the adaptive management procedures.

**Description of the financial assurances:**

- Provide the type of financial assurance that will be in place.
- Explain how this is sufficient enough to ensure a high level of confidence that the mitigation site will be successful.

**In order to obtain a DA 404 Permit using permittee responsible third-party mitigation, the following items will be required prior to permit finalization:**

- Provide the legal description for the specific area proposed for mitigation.
- The location of the specific area used for project mitigation located on a plat of the mitigation property (Section, Township, and Range).
- A notarized copy of the mitigation covenant showing the page of the filed paperwork in the county records.
- Baseline conditions on the mitigation site using the HGM functional assessment worksheets (forwarded to permittee if using this method of compensation).