



THE CONSERVATION FUND

CONSERVATION BANKING TRAINING COURSE

COURSE PARTNERS:

The Conservation Fund

Fish & Wildlife Service
(FWS)

National Marine Fisheries
Service (NMFS)

Federal Highway
Administration (FHWA)

USDA Office of
Environmental Markets
(OEM)

Department of Defense
(DOD)

US Army Corps of
Engineers (USACE)

Bureau of Land
Management (BLM)

National Mitigation
Banking Association
(NMBA)

WHEN: Monday, August 7 (8:00 am) through Friday, August 11, 2017 (12 noon)

WHERE: National Conservation Training Center (NCTC) in Shepherdstown, WV

WHAT: Conservation banking is a tool to conserve endangered, threatened, and other at-risk species and their habitat that reduces risks associated with the use of compensatory mitigation. Other benefits include:

- Regulatory efficiencies for agencies, industry, project proponents, bank sponsors, and credit buyers
- Increased transparency and predictability through advance planning at a landscape level
- Greater economic incentives for conserving species that result in effective and sustainable conservation outcomes

This course is designed to foster collaboration among regulators, bank and other mitigation sponsors, and users - ensuring that all entities have a thorough grounding in conservation banking policy in order to facilitate the establishment of banks and in-lieu fee programs on the ground. In addition to addressing core elements of conservation banking establishment and implementation, this advanced course also covers in-lieu fee programs and other credit trading systems and concepts.

Course Objectives:

- Provide a thorough grounding in the relevant federal policy and regulations guiding the review, establishment, and operation of conservation banks and in-lieu fee programs
- Enable participants to identify the need for and opportunities associated with conservation banking programs including economic benefits of third party compensatory offsets from both a bankers' and users' perspective
- Provide practitioners and reviewers expertise on how conservation banks and in-lieu fee programs are effectively and efficiently reviewed and overseen in both their establishment and operation
- Provide leadership and team building skills necessary to be an effective member of a conservation banking partnership and, for agency staff, an effective member of a Conservation Banking Review Team

WHO CAN ATTEND: Participant slots are allocated to sponsoring agencies including: Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), USDA Office of Environmental Markets (OEM), Department of Defense (DOD), US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and National Park Service (NPS) -- as well as their state agency counterparts.

HOW TO REGISTER: Federal agency representatives should contact their agency POC (see list at <http://www.conservationfund.org/resources/courses-and-events/876-conservation-banking-training-course>) as soon as possible to be nominated for attendance. State agency representatives need to submit an online application (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GFCSPD3>) by June 16th to be considered for acceptance into the course. Logistical information will be provided to all confirmed participants in late-June.

COST: No tuition will be charged to attend this training. Lodging and meal packages (including private room and full meal plan) are available at NCTC for \$152/night, which is within the government per diem rate.

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