WI WETLAND CONSERVATION TRUST (WWCT)

wetland in-lieu fee mitigation program

Quick Facts
(revised 12/10/2014)

Approval:
Signed by DNR, USACE & EPA on 11/19/14. 1st of its kind in WI, join 24 other states with programs.

Purpose and Objective:
Provide an additional method of mitigation to offset unavoidable adverse impacts to wetland resources focusing on the greatest watershed need. Complete projects selected through a watershed approach.

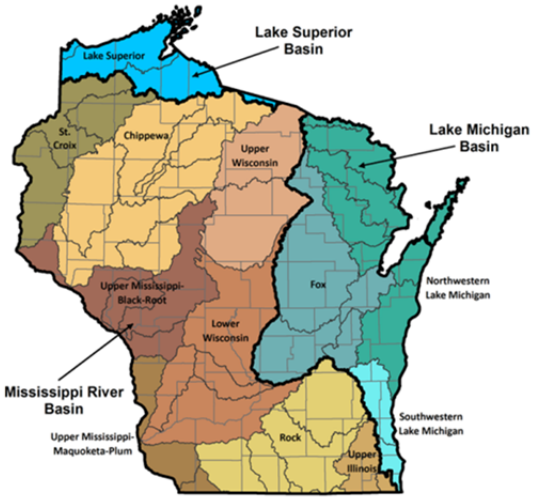
Program Operation:
Offer credits for purchase to fulfill a wetland permit's mitigation obligation, and then utilize credit funds to complete projects.

Credit Fees:
Lake Michigan Basin - $61,000 / Mississippi River Basin - $60,000 / Lake Superior –$58,000

Credit Availability:

Service Area	Advanced Credits
Lake Superior	75
St. Croix	30
Chippewa	50
Upper Mississippi – Black Root	50
Upper Wisconsin	100
Lower Wisconsin	40
Upper Mississippi – Maquoketa Plum	30
Rock	90
Upper Illinois	30
Fox	55
Northwestern Lake Michigan	100
Southwestern Lake Michigan	60

Service Areas:



Credit Ratio – credits vs. impact acres
In general, apply a 1.45:1 ratio to WWCT credits, meaning a 1 acre impact equals 1.45 credits. Based on state minimum 1.2:1 (credits to impact acre), plus a 0.25:1 increase for the temporal loss.

General Mitigation Hierarchy
Maintain the general preferences of the 2008 Federal Mitigation Rule:

- 1st mitigation banking, 2nd in-lieu fee, 3rd permittee responsible.

Project Selection & Funding
Credit funds specific to each service area are utilized to restore, enhance, establish or preserve wetlands. Utilize with an open Request For Proposal (RFP) process where public proposes projects for funding or develop projects internally in absence of RFP, preference for RFP.

For more information visit, www.dnr.wi.gov, search word "mitigation"