



US Army Corps
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St Paul District

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sponsor:
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St. Paul District
Permit Application No. MVP-2025-00450

WETLAND COMPENSATORY MITIGATION BANK PROPOSAL:

Compensatory mitigation banks are one of three types of compensatory mitigation where the aquatic resources on a site are restored, established, enhanced, and/or preserved for the purpose of offsetting unavoidable adverse impacts authorized by Department of the Army permits. Once the Corps approves a mitigation bank and the site achieves certain milestones and performance standards, the sponsor receives credits, which they sell to permittees with projects in a designated geographic service area who are seeking Department of the Army permits. The sponsor is requesting Corps review of a proposed compensatory mitigation bank under [33 CFR 332.8](#) and district guidelines for mitigation. As part of this review process, the sponsor has submitted a complete prospectus. Interested parties can find a copy of the full prospectus on the [RIBITS](#) website or by emailing Leslie.e.day@usace.army.mil.

SUMMARY OF PROSPECTUS:

The sponsor proposes to restore 20 acres of wet meadow wetlands on a 21-acre site by disabling the existing tile and pumping system and returning native wetland and upland vegetation to the property. The site was historically drained for agricultural uses and is currently in sod production. The sponsor is proposing this bank site concurrent with an adjacent in-lieu fee program site proposal, which are being designed to be compatible.

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LOCATION: The project area is located on the north side of Hanson Road, east of the Goose Branch Canal in Section 22, 4N Township, 22E Range; at Latitude 42.790448 and Longitude -88.110067; Union Grove, Racine County, Wisconsin.

COORDINATION WITH RESOURCE AGENCIES: This project has been coordinated with the following members of the Interagency Review Team (IRT) and other resource

agencies: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics.

CULTURAL RESOURCES:

The Corps is evaluating the undertaking for effects to historic properties as required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. This public notice serves to inform the public of the proposed undertaking and invites comments including those from local, State, and Federal government Agencies with respect to historic resources. Our final determination relative to historic resource impacts may be subject to additional coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer, federally recognized tribes and other interested parties.

Should historic properties (i.e., properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places) be present within the Corps' permit area, the proposed activity requiring the DA permit (the undertaking) is a type of activity that has no potential to cause an effect to an historic property.

The District Engineer's final eligibility and effect determination will be based upon coordination with the SHPO and/or THPO, as appropriate and required, and with full consideration given to the proposed undertaking's potential direct and indirect effects on historic properties within the Corps-identified permit area.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The Corps has performed an initial review of the prospectus and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) to determine if any threatened, endangered, proposed, or candidate species, as well as the proposed and final designated critical habitat may occur within the boundary of the proposed project. Based on this initial review, the Corps has made a preliminary determination that the proposed project will not affect any listed species or critical habitat.

Pursuant to Section 7 ESA, any required consultation with the Service(s) will be conducted in accordance with 50 CFR part 402.

This notice serves as request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for any additional information on whether any listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species or critical habitat may be present in the area which would be affected by the proposed activity.

COMMENTS: The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other Interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be forwarded to the sponsor and considered during the Corps' evaluation.

The St. Paul District will receive written comments on the proposed work, as outlined above, until April 19, 2026. Comments should be submitted electronically via the Regulatory Request System (RRS) at <https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs> or by email to

Leslie.e.day@usace.army.mil. Please refer to the permit application number in your comments.

If electronic submittal is not available, you may submit comments in writing to:

Regulatory Division
St. Paul District Corps of Engineers
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IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROJECT, contact Leslie Day at (651) 290-5365 or Leslie.e.day@usace.army.mil.

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Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, in detail, the reasons for holding a public hearing. A request may be denied if substantive reasons for holding a hearing are not provided or if there is otherwise no valid interest to be served.

Enclosures:
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