



US Army Corps
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St Paul District

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sponsor:
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St. Paul District
Permit Application No. 2025-00688-MVM

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 Marissa.V.Merriman@usace.army.mil.

SUMMARY OF PROSPECTUS:

The sponsor is proposing to restore approximately 188.4 acres of natural habitat consisting of wet meadow wetland, mesic prairie and forested buffer within the Rum River watershed. The sponsor and the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources have entered into a partnership agreement to complete the proposed wetland restoration project. Currently, much of the site is planted to row crop agriculture with several private ditches providing drainage. The sponsor proposes to achieve the project objectives by disabling the existing private surface drainage systems within the site, stabilizing hydrologic conditions, and re-establishing native plant communities through seeding and planting within the permanently protected conservation easement area.

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LOCATION: The project area is located on the south side of 253rd Avenue NW, 0.5 mile southwest of the intersection of Highway 47 NW and 253rd Avenue NW in Section 19/24, Township 34N, Range 24/25W; at Latitude 45.423 and Longitude -93.386; in Stanford Township, Isanti County, Minnesota.

COORDINATION WITH RESOURCE AGENCIES: This project has been coordinated with the following members of the Interagency Review Team (IRT) and other resource agencies: the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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.

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 August 9, 2025. Comments should be submitted electronically via the Regulatory Request System (RRS) at <https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs> or by email to Marissa.V.Merriman@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 Marissa Merriman at the St. Paul District Office at 651-290-5362.

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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.

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