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### 2014 CONSERVATION BANKING TRAINING COURSE

**WHAT:** This highly regarded course is being offered to a national audience for a fifth time!

**WHEN:** Monday, April 14th (8:00 am) - through Friday, April 18th (Noon), 2014

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

Conservation banking is a tool to conserve species and their habitat, while simultaneously streamlining the mitigation process for regulatory agencies, bank sponsors, project permittees and credit buyers. This course is designed to foster collaboration among regulators, bankers 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 covering the core elements of conservation banking establishment and implementation, recovery crediting and other associated credit trading systems and concepts will be addressed.

#### 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 solid expertise and understanding in 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 SHOULD ATTEND:** Slots are reserved for this 5th national course offering for representatives of the following agencies/entities: US Fish & Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, US Army, US Marine Corps, US Army Corps of Engineers, Federal Highway Administration, USDA, state agency partners and the National Mitigation Banking Association. Participants that attend with their agency partners from the same geography will be given preference. Each entity will identify and select their participants and provide the list of confirmed participants to Margarita Carey ([mcarey@conservationfund.org](mailto:mcarey@conservationfund.org)) by March 14th. Additional logistical information will then be provided.

**COST:** No tuition will be charged for this training. Lodging (including full meal plan) is available at the National Conservation Training Center for \$144/night.

## CONTACT

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