

Criteria For Voluntary Conservation Measures

Criteria for In-Lieu Fee Mitigation

1. Project Objectives: Obtain land that has suitable habitat for IB and NLEB or perform activities that improve habitat for IB and NLEB
2. Factors for Consideration of Suitable Projects (the Property should have these characteristic):
 - a. In the geographic area where the impacts from the project occur in consideration of other public lands in the project area.
 - b. Presence of variety of suitable natural roost structures, primarily standing dead trees with loose bark, either primary roosts located in openings or at the edge of forest stands, or alternate roosts in either the open or the interior of forest stands.
 - c. Presence of tree species reported to be used as roosts by Indiana bats (there is an extensive list that I can provide, but we may not want to specify this as the most important characteristics of trees that provide roosts are not species but structure: exfoliating bark with space for bats to roost between the bark and the bole of the tree)
 - d. Exposure of roost trees to sunlight (east-southeast and south-southwest exposures)
 - e. Foraging areas
 - f. Functional travel corridors
3. Site protection to ensure durability: Conservation Easement, Land Bank, State Agency Protection
4. Maintenance Plan: Site can has a mechanism for maintenance to through government agency, land bank, ect.