



JACKSON COUNTY MITIGATION PROGRAM

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What steps are involved in the Mitigation Program?



What is the Mitigation Program?

Do you need a way to meet Federal 404 Regulations? In Jackson County, compensatory mitigation requires approval by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) along with fulfilling specific sections of the Clean Water Act and Rivers and Harbors Act. Follow the steps detailed in this brochure to satisfy requirements and reduce risks to our area streams and wetlands.

After all appropriate and practical steps have been taken to first avoid and then minimize impacts, compensatory mitigation can occur.

Unavoidable impacts may be mitigated at the same site (on-site mitigation) or at another site (off-site mitigation).

There are several options for mitigation. The program approach selected by Jackson County staff is an in-lieu fee organization with the County implementing the mitigation on county-owned property. Mitigation will occur in the same sub-watershed or watershed as the development if at all possible.

Purpose and Goal:

The goal of the Mitigation Program is to restore and enhance Jackson County property utilizing federal and state environmental requirements for mitigating damage to natural resources.

Who can participate in the program?

The Mitigation Program will be offered to property owners, developers or public works departments when their development plans impact streams, wetlands or floodplains and require a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and mitigation under Section 404 or Section 10.

Objectives:

1. Provide a funding source for restoration, repair and maintenance of County property.
2. Restore the ecology of the watershed impacted by development and infrastructure projects.

How does it benefit the developer?

1. Provides a mechanism to meet federal and state mitigation requirements.
2. Facilitates development in Jackson County.
3. Proven program - demonstration project under construction.
4. Creates multi-objective land use: recreation, natural resource and educational assets.
5. Installation and maintenance of mitigation project passed to Jackson County Parks and Recreation Department.

How can I participate?

Voice your interest in the Mitigation Program during the preliminary plan process for the project. You can also contact Jackson County Parks and Recreation Department at 816-795-8200.

Once the developer knows that mitigation is or may be required for a specific project, the Mitigation Program steps are:

1. Contact and meet with local officials, Jackson County Parks and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
2. Prepare a mitigation project scope, schedule, and cost estimate.
3. Sign a contract / agreement with Jackson County Parks and Recreation and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
4. Make payment for the mitigation project, per the contract, to Jackson County Parks and Recreation Department.

Jackson County Parks and Recreation will then proceed with a mitigation plan, design, installation and maintenance.

What will it cost me?

The costs are dependent on the type of mitigation required, size of the project, location, damages incurred and current costs of remediation.

Questions: Should you have any questions or wish to participate in this program, please feel free to contact: Bruce Wilke, Jackson County Parks & Recreation, 816-795-8200, Email: StormwaterCommission@jacksongov.org.