

PUBLIC NOTICE

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SUBJECT: Announcement of the upcoming U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District (USACE), New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), and New Hampshire Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund (NH-ARMF) joint mitigation summit pertaining to state and federal mitigation regulations.

PURPOSE: The USACE, NHDES, NH-ARMF are holding an in-person joint outreach event to inform the public, applicants, sponsors, consultants, and industry of federal and state mitigation policy, as well as mitigation opportunities. This summit aims to help stakeholders develop an improved understanding of mitigation requirements, policies, and how to develop a mitigation plan to meet both the state and federal requirements.

EVENT INFORMATION:

The agencies will hold this outreach event at the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (29 Hazen Drive, Concord, New Hampshire), in the DES auditorium on April 8, 2025. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. and the event should conclude by 3:30 p.m., depending on public participation. If you plan on attending in person, you must register by emailing taylor.m.bell@usace.army.mil. You do not have to register for the virtual option. Certificates of attendance can be provided, if requested. The event will be in-person; however, you may also attend virtually by placing the link below in your browser:

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DRAFT AGENDA:

8:30 am - 9:00 am	Arrival
9:00 am - 9:20 am	Opening Remarks by NHDES & USACE
9:20 am – 10:30 am	Introduction to the 2008 Federal Mitigation Rule & the USACE New England District Mitigation Standard Operating Procedures (updated 2024)
	12 Required Components of a Federal Mitigation Plan for Permittee Responsible, In-Lieu Fee, and Private Bank Mitigation Sites
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Break/Questions
10:45 am – 11:30 am	State Mitigation Requirements and Updates
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Successful State Mitigation Projects
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch (On your own, local options within 5-minute drive, also small cafeteria downstairs)
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	New Hampshire Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund ILF Program Overview & Key Points
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Meeting State & Federal Mitigation Requirements (Open Forum)
2:00pm – 2:30pm	Coastal and Marine Mitigation Discussion
2:30pm – 2:45pm	Questions & Break
2:45pm – 3:15pm	New Ordinary High Water Mark Manual Overview
3:15pm – 3:30pm	Closing Remarks

CONTACT INFORMATION: This is an informational public notice; therefore, we are not seeking public comments. However, requests for additional information may be directed to Taylor Bell at taylor.m.bell@usace.army.mil and/or 978-318-8952.

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