

Instructions to Navigate to the 2018 SOP on RIBITS

Step 1 – Go to the following webpage (see red circle below):

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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL https://ribits.usace.army.mil/ribits_apex/f?p=107:27:17087840626047::NO::P27_BUTTON_KEY:10 highlighted in a red circle. The browser's address bar also shows "Home" and "Bank & ILF Establishment". The website header features the RIBITS logo and the text "Regulatory In-lieu Fee and Bank Information Tracking System". A navigation menu on the left lists various options, with "Bank & ILF Establishment" selected. The main content area is titled "Bank & ILF Establishment for All USACE Districts" and includes an image of a field, a paragraph of text, and several sections of links and documents.

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Bank & ILF Establishment for All USACE Districts

 Federal, State, and Local regulations and guidance governed the Wetland Mitigation Bank establishment process. This section contains information to guide the prospective Mitigation Bank or In-lieu Fee Program Sponsor through the bank or ILF program establishment process.

Mitigation Banking & ILF Programs

National information on mitigation banking and in-lieu fee programs

- [Corps-EPA Mitigation Rule \(33 CFR 332/40 CFR 230\) \(.pdf\)](#)
- [Model in-lieu fee instrument \(ELI 2010\) \(.pdf\)](#)

Historic Context

Documenting the history and development of mitigation banking and in-lieu fee programs

- [1995 Technical & Procedural Support to Mitigation Banking \(.pdf\)](#)
- [1996 Model Banking Instrument \(.pdf\)](#)
- [1995 National Survey of Commercial Mitigation Ventures \(.pdf\)](#)
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- [Alternative Wetland Mitigation Programs \(1995\) \(.pdf\)](#)
- [The Early Mitigation Banks: A Follow-Up Review \(1998\) \(.pdf\)](#)

District Processes

Guidelines, practices, and procedures for mitigation banking

Step 2 – Select the Savannah from the drop down list under Filter View (see red circle below)

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Bank & ILF Establishment for USACE District: Savannah



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- [Requirements for a Complete Prospectus \(.pdf\)](#)
- [Requirements for Mitigation Bank & ILF Instruments \(.pdf\)](#)
- [IRT Timeline \(.pdf\)](#)
- [Watershed Approach \(.pdf\)](#)
- [Dispute Timeline \(.pdf\)](#)
- [Mitigation Plan Requirements \(.pdf\)](#)
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Step 3 – Scroll to the bottom of the Savannah District’s Bank & ILF Establishment page to access the 2018 SOP and associated worksheets (**see red circle bell**)

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- Optional Login**: Includes a '[Login]' button and a note: 'Information on this site is publicly available. Logins are for management use only.'
- 1995 Federal Guidance on Mitigation Banking (.pdf)**: A list of links to various guidance documents, including '2000 In-Lieu Fee Guidance (.pdf)', '1988 FWS Report on Mitigation Banking (.pdf)', 'Alternative Wetland Mitigation Programs (1995) (.pdf)', and 'The Early Mitigation Banks: A Follow-Up Review (1998) (.pdf)'.
- References:**: A list of references including 'USGS Hydrologic Unit Codes (HUC)', 'US Forest Service Ecoregions', 'Sprecher, S.W. and C.B. Schneider. 2000. Wetland Management Handbook. ERDC/EL SR-00-16.', 'Watershed Approach (EPA website)', 'Stream Corridor Restoration Handbook', 'EPA Watershed Pages', 'TNC's Long-Term Stewardship Calculator - Handbook', 'TNC's Long-Term Stewardship Calculator', and 'ELI/LTA Mitigation Handbook (2012) (.pdf)'.
- District Processes**: A section titled 'Guidelines, practices, and procedures for mitigation banking' containing links to 'Savannah District Model Declaration of Restrictions and Covenants (.pdf)', 'Savannah District Amendments to Declaration of Restrictions and Covenants (.pdf)', 'Savannah District Standards for Conservation Easements (.pdf)', and 'Savannah Bank Credit Purchase Guidelines (.pdf)'.
- NEW - Savannah District's 2018 Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) For Compensatory Mitigation**: This section is circled in red and contains a list of documents: '2018 SOP For Compensatory Mitigation (Version 1.0, dated April 27, 2018) (.pdf)', 'Statement of Credit Availability (Version 1.0, dated April 27, 2018) (.pdf)', 'Georgia Stream Qualitative Assessment (Version 1.3, dated May 25, 2018) (.xlsx)', 'Qualitative Worksheets for Stream Adverse Impacts (Version 1.2, dated May 9, 2018) (.xlsx)', 'Georgia Freshwater Wetland Qualitative Assessment (Version 1.3, dated May 15, 2018) (.xlsx)', 'Georgia Saltwater Tidal Wetland Qualitative Assessment (Version 1.1, dated May 7, 2018) (.xlsx)', 'Qualitative Worksheets For Wetland Adverse Impacts (Version 1.2, dated May 25, 2018) (.xlsx)', '--- (.docx)', 'Georgia Interim Stream Quantification Tool (Version 1.1, dated May 15, 2018) (.xlsx)', 'GA SQT Macroinvertebrate Genus Traits (Version 1.1, dated May 22, 2018) (.xlsx)', 'Georgia Interim Freshwater Wetland Hydrogeomorphic Workbook (Version 1.2, dated May 15, 2018) (.xism)', 'FAQ's (.docx)', 'USACE Response to 2018 SOP Public Comments (.pdf)', and 'Public Comments on the 2018 SOP (.pdf)'.
- Savannah District's Archived Mitigation Guidelines**: A section titled 'The following list of guidelines are no longer active:' containing links to '2011 Mitigation Banking Guidelines (.pdf)' and '2004 Standard Operating Procedure for Compensatory Mitigation (.pdf)'.