

**SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE  
PUBLIC NOTICE 25-06**

**REGULATORY DIVISION  
NASHVILLE DISTRICT, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
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**ADDRESS COMMENTS TO:** Nashville District Corps of Engineers  
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**SUBJECT:** Request for Comments on the Draft Request for Proposal (RFP) Process for administering the Stream Mitigation Fund for Tennessee (SMFT).

**PURPOSE:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Nashville and Memphis Districts are seeking public input on the proposed RFP Process for administering the Stream Mitigation Fund for Tennessee (SMFT). Initially, the SMFT anticipates to award approximately \$35 million dollars to fund compensatory mitigation projects through the restoration, establishment, enhancement, and/or preservation of streams and associated riparian buffers across Tennessee. Future RFPs may be issued based on availability of funding.

**BACKGROUND:** The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) will manage the stream mitigation funds from the now-defunct Tennessee Stream Mitigation Program (TSMP), which was a privately operated In-Lieu-Fee mitigation program. These funds will support stream compensatory mitigation projects in Tennessee through a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process. NFWF is a congressionally chartered nonprofit organization that manages funds for the mitigation of natural resource impacts. In collaboration with the Interagency Review Team (IRT) -comprising the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA), U.S. EPA Region IV, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) - the Nashville and Memphis Districts have finalized an agreement with NFWF to oversee the management and administration of the stream mitigation funds through the Stream Mitigation Fund for Tennessee (SMFT).

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS:** The Nashville and Memphis Districts, in consultation with the IRT, have worked with NFWF to develop a draft RFP process for soliciting stream compensatory mitigation projects utilizing the SMFT. The IRT has developed the following documents to facilitate the RFP process: *Stream Mitigation Fund for Tennessee Request for Proposal Submittal Guidance and Narrative Application*, *Stream Mitigation Fund for Tennessee 2025 Request for Proposal Submittal (Draft)*, and *National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Project Funding Agreement*. USACE is now seeking feedback from the public, federal, state, and local agencies, Indian Tribes, and other interested stakeholders regarding the above-listed RFP documents, to help

facilitate a variety of future viable mitigation proposals under the RFP process. USACE is seeking comments on the attached documents only. All comments received will be considered by USACE and the IRT in formulating the final draft of the documents used to facilitate the RFP process for the SMFT.

**NEXT STEPS AFTER COMMENT PERIOD:** Following the public comment period, the Nashville and Memphis Districts, in consultation with the IRT, will finalize the RFP and accompanying documents. NFWF will then issue and manage the RFP process. USACE/IRT will review and approve proposals based on the criteria outlined in the RFP. Selected proposals will undergo the IRT's review process, as outlined in the Mitigation Rule (33 CFR § 332.8(d)), and permitting, before proceeding with project execution.

**COMMENT PERIOD:** Written statements received by this office within 15 days from the start of the public comment period listed at <https://www.lrd.usace.army.mil/Submit-ArticleCS/Regulatory-Notices/> will become a part of the record and considered in the determination. Any response to this notice should reference the Request for Proposal Process to administer the Stream Mitigation Fund for Tennessee (SMFT) and be directed to the Regulatory Division, Attention: Mark G. McIntosh at 615-428-2297 or email at [Mark.G.McIntosh@usace.army.mil](mailto:Mark.G.McIntosh@usace.army.mil).

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