

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Notice: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Request for Proposals - Stream Mitigation

Fund for Tennessee

Memphis and Nashville Districts Special Public Notice No. 25-29

SUBJECT: Notice of National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Request for Proposals (RFP) for compensatory stream mitigation projects to be funded from the Stream Mitigation Fund for Tennessee (SMFT).

PURPOSE: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Nashville and Memphis Districts are hereby providing notice that NFWF is soliciting proposals to provide compensatory mitigation through the restoration, establishment, enhancement, and preservation of streams and associated riparian buffers in the State of Tennessee to be funded from the SMFT.

BACKGROUND: NFWF is a congressionally chartered nonprofit organization that manages funds for the mitigation of natural resource impacts. In collaboration with the Interagency Review Team (Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, U.S. EPA Region IV, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Tennessee Valley Authority), the USACE, Nashville and Memphis Districts finalized an agreement with NFWF to oversee the management and administration of stream mitigation funds from the now-defunct Tennessee Stream Mitigation Program through the establishment of the SMFT. The SMFT will be applied to appropriate stream compensatory mitigation projects, activities, and related expenses as approved by the USACE, in consultation with the Interagency Review Team, in accordance with the 2008 Final Rule on Compensatory Mitigation for Losses of Aquatic Resources (33 CFR Parts 325 and 332; 40 CFR Part 230) and the 2004 Stream Mitigation Guidelines for the State of Tennessee. NFWF will award approximately \$36,600,000 from the SMFT during this first solicitation.

RFP DETAILS: Additional details regarding the RFP including the geographic focus, priorities, eligibility, funding availability, evaluation criteria, timeline, submission instructions, and contact information, etc. may be found at the following website: https://www.nfwf.org/stream-mitigation-fund-tennessee-2025-request-proposals

Note: This is not a solicitation for public comment. All inquiries related to the RFP should be directed to NFWF via email at SMFT@nfwf.org