

FAQs



Agricultural Producers

Why Are the MMWA and the MDNR Involved in Swampbuster Compliance Issues?

Michigan was 1 of 10 states selected by the USDA to receive a grant to establish a wetland mitigation banking program to assist with Swampbuster compliance. Even though the NRCS will oversee this program, the MMWA will work with the MDNR to establish wetland mitigation bank sites. The MMWA will coordinate the construction of the sites and serve as the bank sponsor, while the MDNR will manage and maintain the bank sites after construction.

How Can I Tell If the MMWA Has Any Wetland Mitigation Bank Credits Available in My Location?

Once you've determined the location, type, and number of acres of wetland mitigation required by the NRCS for your particular project, please see our credit availability maps to determine whether we have credits available in your location.

Does It Matter What Type of Wetland Mitigation Bank Credit Is Available? How Can I Tell How Many and What Kind of Credits I Need?

Wetland mitigation must be of a similar ecological type as the impacted wetland wherever feasible and practical, and the NRCS has laid out ratios of acres of wetland mitigation that must be provided for each acre of permitted wetland loss. For more information, please visit the NRCS's website at www.nrcs.usda.gov.

What If There Are No MMWA Wetland Mitigation Bank Credits Available in My Location?

The MMWA will continue to add more sites in the years to come, and demand will be a factor in determining future site locations. Therefore, it is important to contact us when you begin planning a project with unavoidable wetland impacts.

Can I Purchase MMWA Wetland Mitigation Bank Credits Now, Even Though I Don't Have a Permit Requiring Mitigation Yet?

Possibly. The MMWA Board will take requests for credits and make decisions on a case-by-case basis.

If I Purchase MMWA Wetland Mitigation Bank Credits and Don't Use Them, Can I Resell Them to Someone Else?

No. Due to the limited number of credits available, any unused credits must be sold back to the MMWA and cannot be sold by you to third parties.

When Will MMWA Wetland Mitigation Bank Credits Be Available for Sale?

The MMWA is still awaiting final approval by the NRCS. Please contact us to see if we can help in the interim.

How Can I Get More Information?

Please call the MMWA at 517.853.5806 or send an email to info@michiganwetlands.com for more information. Also, you may wish to contact your local NRCS service center.

