

The Mitigation Plan Outline below is offered as guidance to assist in the preparation of Mitigation Plans. In permittee-responsible mitigation projects, compensation is proposed by the permittee through a water resource Mitigation Plan provided in the permit application, which is reviewed by DEEP for acceptability. DEEP balances gain for loss in decision-making as we review Mitigation Plans by considering the basic concepts outlined below, along with project-specific considerations as needed. A Mitigation Plan submitted to DEEP for approval should include the following elements.

Connecticut Water Resource Mitigation Plan Outline

A) Project Information

1. Mitigation purpose and objectives
2. Description of avoidance and minimization
3. Impact and compensation summary
 - a. Resource types impacted, impact types, impact square footage
 - b. Mitigation method, ratio, compensation square footage

B) Site Information and Workplan

4. Site selection and alternatives
5. Existing conditions
 - a. Existing water resource data: vegetation, hydrology, soils, photos
 - b. Water Resource Map (or engineering plan) of existing conditions
 - c. At-risk species information
6. Proposed conditions
 - a. Description of proposed conditions
 - b. Mitigation Resource Map (or engineering plan) of proposed conditions
7. Mitigation work activity summary
 - a. Planting plan
 - b. Phasing plan

C) Monitoring and Adaptive Management

8. Monitoring plan, methodology, and reporting
9. Adaptive management strategies
10. Invasive species management

D) Project Goals

11. Summary of goals
12. Performance standards

E) Long-Term Mitigation Provisions

13. Resource management and maintenance
14. Site protection instrument
15. Financial assurance
16. Contingency

F) Mitigation Design Plan Attachment (Engineering Plans)

G) Water Resource Delineation Attachment (Report, Data, Map, Photographs)

H) NDDB and Fisheries Attachment(s)

I) Site Protection Instrument Attachment