

The Mitigation Plan Outline below is offered as guidance to assist in the preparation of compensatory Mitigation Plans. In permittee-responsible mitigation projects, compensation is proposed by the permittee through a Mitigation Plan provided in the permit application, which is reviewed by CT DEEP for acceptability. CT 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 and adjustments as needed. A Mitigation Plan submitted to CT DEEP for approval should include the following elements:

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### **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, photos
  - b. Water Resource Existing Conditions Map (or engineering plan)
  - c. At-risk species information
6. Proposed conditions
  - a. Description of proposed conditions
  - b. Mitigation Proposed Conditions Map (or engineering plan)
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 or Map)**

#### **G) Water Resource Delineation Attachment (Report, Data, Photographs)**

#### **H) Species Attachment (NDDB, Fisheries)**

#### **I) Site Protection Instrument Attachment**