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Structuring In-Lieu Fee Programs to Guide Site Selection

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Structuring an ILF Program

- Prioritization strategy for site selection
- Administrative process for site selection
- Project approval process



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Compensation Planning Framework must include:

A prioritization strategy for selecting and implementing compensatory mitigation activities

- Prioritization strategy for site selection
 - ILFs with pre-identified sites
 - ILFs with identified priority areas
 - ILFs with decision-making framework for site selection

1. ILFs with Pre-Identified Sites

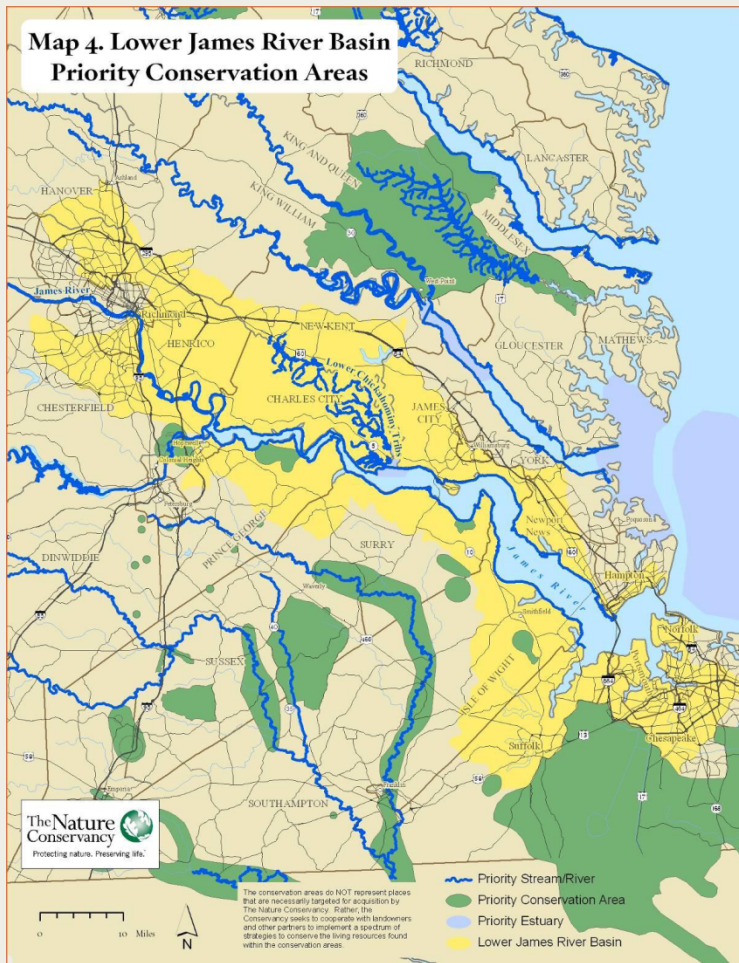


Dawson Canyon

Proposed: Riverside-Corona
Resource Conservation District
In-Lieu Fee Program

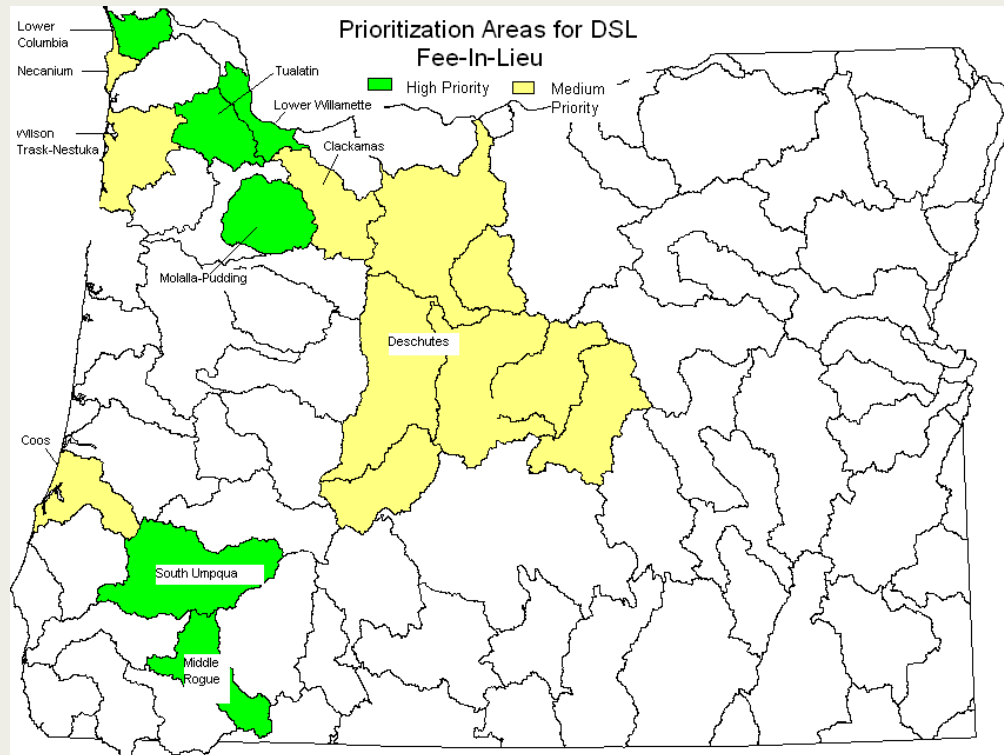


2. ILFs with Possible Areas of Operation



- Priority conservation areas

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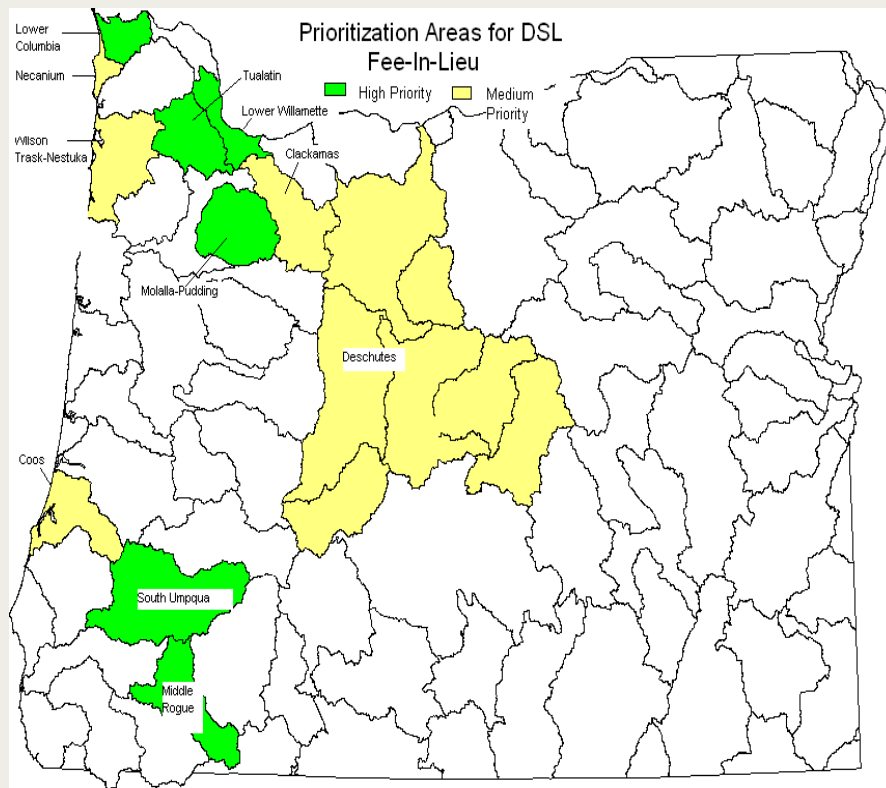


Priority Watersheds

Priority watersheds selected based on:

- Past mitigation needs
- Future mitigation needs
- Lack of private banks
- Availability of funds

3. ILFs with Decision-Making Framework for Site Selection

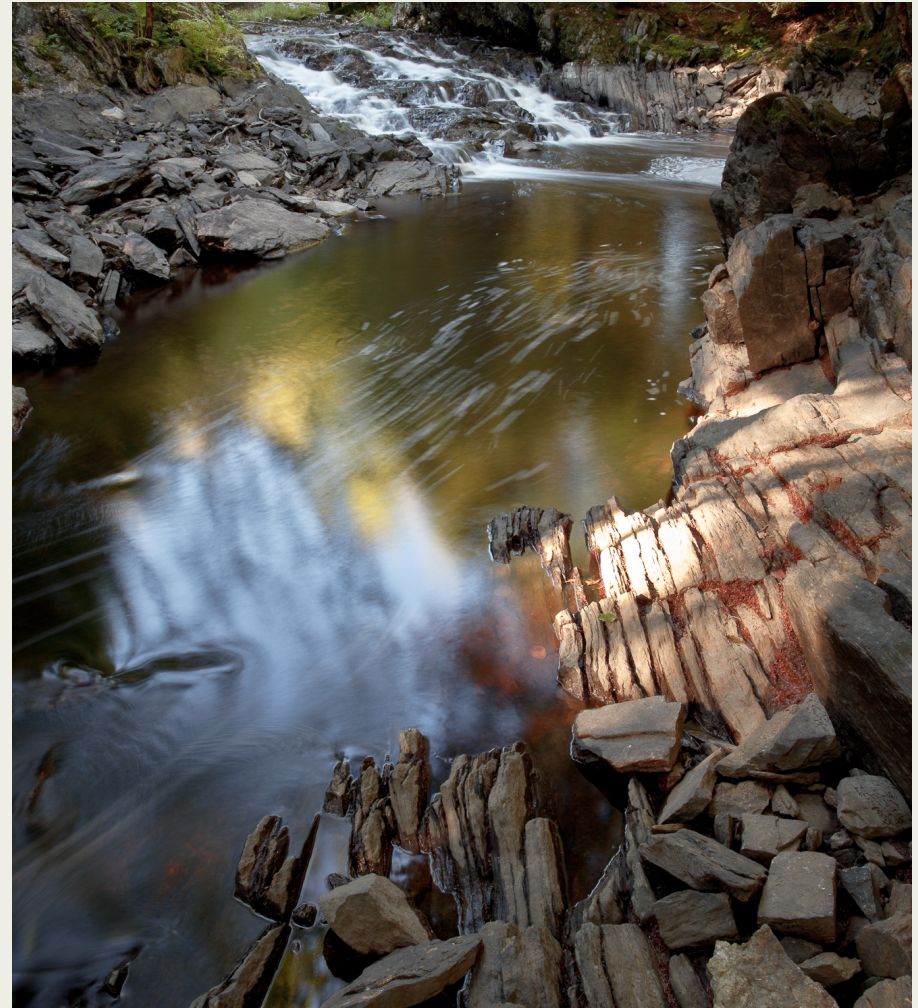


Priority Watersheds

- Likelihood of success
- Multiple objectives
- Supports regional conservation initiatives
- Capacity of the applicant
- Fund leveraging and project costs
- Long-term management

Administrative Process for Site Selection

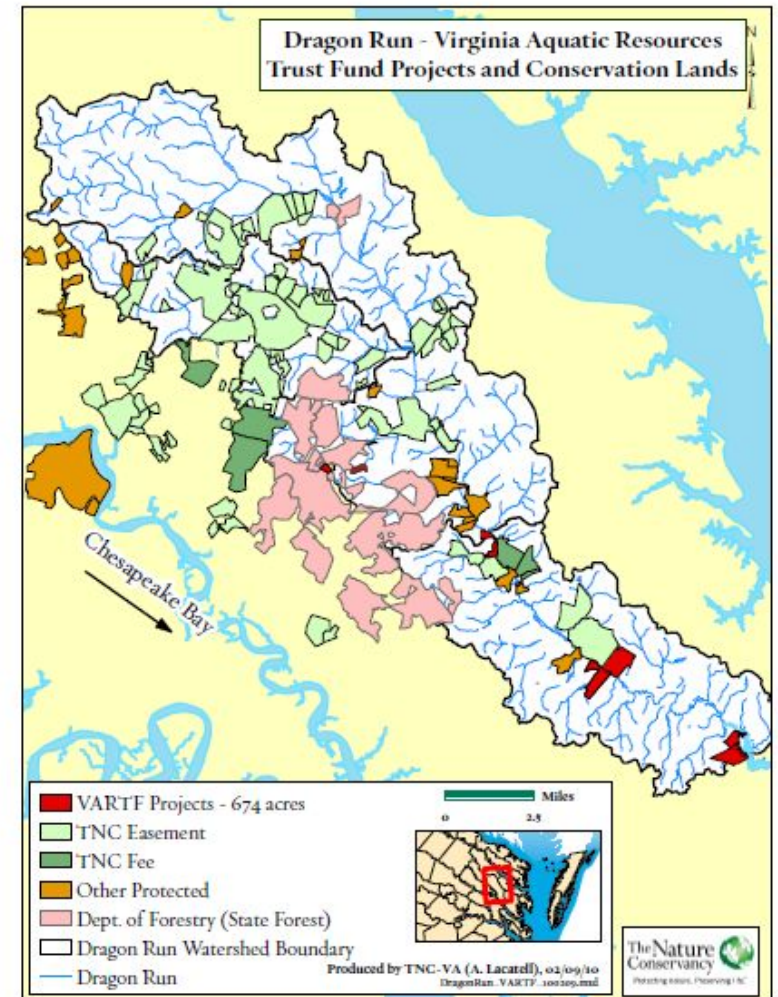
- Program-based decision making
 - Criteria for site evaluation
- Request for proposals
 - Site selection committee
 - Criteria for soliciting projects
 - Criteria for selecting projects



Montsweag Brook project, Maine. Photo credit: © Brian Peters.

Project Approval Process

- Standard approval process
- “Streamlined approval process”
 - Corps determines if warranted
 - Notification of IRT
 - 30 day comment period
 - 30 days for Corps to let IRT know
- Modified approval process



TNC ILF Program, Virginia: Dragon Run Watershed



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