



Getting Started on an ILF Program:
Perspective from a Non-Profit Sponsor



The Decision Is Not Easy!



Low Calorie
 Low Fat
 Low Sodium

Refreshing fruit salad is welcome anytime -- serve at brunch, at dessert Makes 10 (1/2-cup) servings. or snack time, or bring to a potluck.



Prep Time: 15 minutes Refrigerate: 1 hour

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups strawberries, halved
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 cup fresh or canned pineapple chunks
- 1 cup cantaloupe chunks
- 2 kiwis, peeled and sliced
- 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar
- 2 teaspoons McCormick® Pure Vanilla Extract

DIRECTIONS

1. Mix fruit, confectioners' sugar and vanilla in large bowl. Cover.

RATING * * * *

2. Refrigerate 1 hour or until ready to serve.

TIPS

Raspberry Fruit Salad: Prepare as directed. Use McCormick® Raspberry Extract in place of the vanilla.

http://fruitsaladrecipephotos.blogspot.com/2014/06/simple-fruit-salad-recipe-fruit-salad.html



ELI has Great Resources

Establishing In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Programs: Identifying Opportunities and Overcoming **Challenges**

Rebecca Kihslinger, Patrick Woolsey, & Lynsey Gaudioso National Wetlands Newsletter, 2014, Vol. 36, No. 4

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Wetland and Stream Mitigation: A Handbook for Land Trusts, Environmental Law Institute, (2012) http://www.eli.org/sites/default/files/eli-pubs/d22 04.pdf

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Factors to Consider Before Getting Started

- Time Commitment
- Reputation and Public Perception
- Internal Capacity Required
 - Regulatory understanding, Legal expertise,
 Financial management, Accounting, Restoration ecology, Conservation planning
- This is NOT a revenue generating program
 - "Full Cost Accounting" and excess fund restrictions
- Risk and Liability



Risk and Liability

- Ultimately you are guaranteeing to the IRT a 100% success rate
 - Corrective actions, financial assurances, default
- Required to find and initiate projects under a 3-year timeline
- Meet budgets
 - Feasibility analysis/Service Areas
 - Credit pricing full cost accounting
- Balance credit ledger



Why Would a Non-profit Organization Want to Sponsor an ILF Program?





Why did TNC decide to Sponsor the Ohio ILF program?

Model

Already sponsor ILF programs in Virginia and Maine

Capacity

- State, Regional, National Experts
- Conservation by Design, Whole System Conservation

Pressing Need

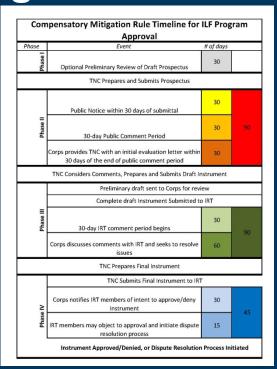
- There is an average of 194,000 feet of stream and 314 acres of wetlands mitigated each year in Ohio.
- Compensatory mitigation has seen ~60% failure.
- When a project fails, there is a net loss of aquatic resources in Ohio.



Challenges We Faced?

 Decision to pursue Sponsorship was complicated and took a long time

- The approval process takes a long time
 - ILF Timeline x2, at least!





Challenges We Faced?

- Feasibility Analysis / Service Area Size
- Setting the Price
 - No Cost Accounting/Release from Liability/Balancing Budgets
 - Mitigation Ratios
- Severed Mineral Rights
- Research for Compensation Planning Framework (230 pages)



For More Information



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