



## Exchange

**June 21, 2012**

**12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM**

**EDC Exchange for Local and Tribal Agencies**

**Local Discussion for MassDOT**

**Wetlands Initiatives and National**

**Mitigation Banking and In-Lieu Fee**

**Programs:**

**Can they really save you valuable time  
and money?**

Environmental permitting often requires some form of wetland or stream mitigation. Did you know that the most recent federal Regulations require that ALL wetland mitigation sites must be protected in perpetuity, no matter the size of the mitigation site? This means the wetland mitigation site must be maintained as a wetland, without invasive weeds, forever. This can increase the overall cost of doing your own wetland mitigation site. It may be cheaper, faster, and easier to have another entity fulfill your mitigation obligations so you can focus on what you do best, building roads and facilities. With mitigation banking and in-lieu fee programs, Local Public Agencies (LPA's) and Tribes can save time and money negotiating with the regulatory agencies about mitigation site selection, designing, developing and maintaining the site forever.

Mitigation banking and in-lieu fee programs are forms of third party options designed to satisfy the environmental mitigation obligations for the federal Clean Water Act. These are programs that have been pre-approved to sell mitigation credits to entities, such as LPA's and Tribes, to carry out the wetland or stream mitigation on your behalf. This session will highlight the benefits of utilizing mitigation banks or in-lieu fee programs. This session will also provide examples of the successful use of these programs for satisfying

mitigation requirements and avoiding enforcement actions from environmental permitting agencies.

Join the Federal Highway Administration, MassDOT, other municipalities, and the Baystate Roads Program (LTAP) for: lunch, a local discussion on MassDOT Wetland Initiatives, and an FHWA webinar with discussion on In Lieu Fees / Mitigation Banking. Delivery methods will include live presentations, webinar presentations, and several interactive webinar question and answer periods. The event will be held in the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) Training Room at Union Station in Worcester. There is no fee to attend this EDC Exchange session, and local municipal agencies are strongly encouraged to attend. Food will be provided. Space is limited, so please register early. Webinar location:

*CMRPC Training Room  
Union Station  
2 Washington Square  
Worcester, MA 01604  
508.756.7717*

### **Agenda (Subject to Change)**

<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Room Opens</b>
<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch (provided)</b>
<b>12:45</b>	<b>MassDOT Wetland Initiatives</b>
<b>1:45</b>	<b>Break (Coffee, Snack)</b>
<b>2:00</b>	<b>National FHWA Webinar Part I</b>
<b>2:25</b>	<b>Local Q and A / Discussion</b>
<b>2:45</b>	<b>National Q and A / Discussion</b>
<b>3:00</b>	<b>National FHWA Webinar Part II</b>
<b>3:25</b>	<b>Local Q and A / Discussion</b>
<b>3:40</b>	<b>National Q and A / Discussion</b>
<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>

**Please visit the Baystate Roads Program website to register for this free event:**

**[www.mass.gov/baystateroads](http://www.mass.gov/baystateroads)**