

A serene landscape featuring a body of water in the foreground, reflecting the surrounding environment. Two tall, slender pine trees stand prominently in the middle ground, their forms mirrored in the calm water. The background is filled with a dense forest of similar trees, extending to the horizon under a clear, light blue sky. The overall scene is peaceful and natural, with soft lighting suggesting a quiet time of day like dawn or dusk.

Financial & Environmental Benefits of purchasing credits from a Mitigation Bank

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Save Time

- Reduce the permitting time.
- Quicker permit turnaround
- Already constructed and functioning wetland approved by agencies.

Save Money

- Cost of land
- Permitting
- Construction
- Monitoring & Maintenance Activities

Avoid Risk

The background of the slide is a photograph of a wetland or marsh area. In the foreground, there is a body of water that reflects the sky and the trees. Several tall, thin trees, possibly cypresses, stand in the water. The background shows a dense line of trees under a clear, light blue sky. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

- Failed Mitigation
- Unexpected money to resolve wetland impacts
- Purchasing credits from a mitigation bank transfers all risk to the mitigation banker

Maximize Space

- Buying credits from a mitigation bank, allows the developer to maximize his usable land and put that space to its highest and best use.

Environment

- Financial resources, biological planning & scientific expertise is consolidated to increase the potential for a long-term mitigation.
- Large scale environmental restoration projects are more beneficial than small/individual postage-stamp sized mitigation projects.

Cost to Mitigate a 1- acre Herbaceous Wetland Impact

Cost Factors	Wetland Creation (2 acres)	Bank Credits
Earthwork	\$45,000.00	\$0.00
Survey	\$3,500.00	\$0.00
Environmental	\$8,000.00	\$0.00
Engineering	\$12,000.00	\$0.00
Planting	\$9,000.00	\$0.00
Monitoring	\$18,000.00	\$0.00
Maintenance	\$16,000.00	\$0.00
Compliance Issues	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Costs	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Bank Credit	\$0.00	\$70,000.00
TOTAL	*\$114,500.00	*\$70,000.00

**The total purchase of \$114,500.00 for wetland creation of 2 acres is exclusive of land costs and \$70,000.00 bank credits are calculated by scoring a 1 acre average wetland, by a 0.70 UMAM score at state-wide average price of \$100,000/UMAM.*

(This information was provided by EarthBalance, an environmental company headquartered in Davenport, Florida that specializes in environmental work as well as mitigation bank permitting).

Coming Soon

- Hillsborough River Mitigation Bank, 1,107 acres located in Pasco County.
- Green Swamp Mitigation Bank 640 acres located in Polk County.