

#### **Market fundamentals**

## Federal regulations drive demand for wetland, stream, and species mitigation

- Clean Water Act (Section 404) & Endangered Species Act (Sections 7 and 10)
- Permittees must avoid, minimize, and offset (mitigate) impacts to jurisdictional resources

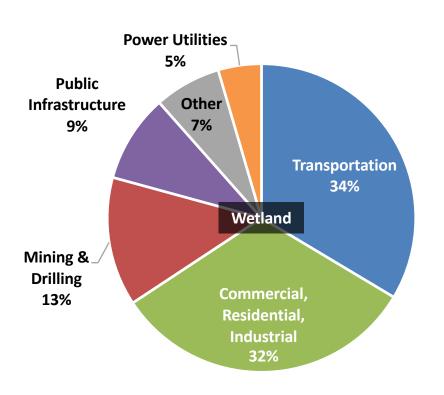
#### Mitigation is restoration of degraded wetlands, streams, endangered species habitat

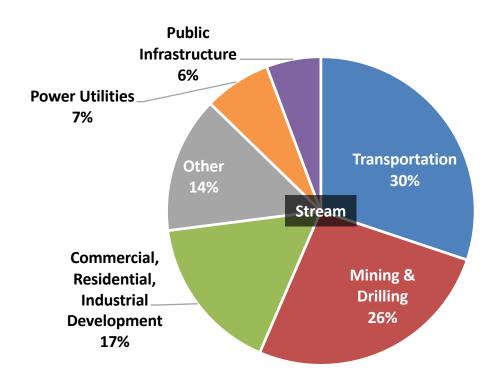
- Measurable, verifiable units of ecological uplift
- Delivered through 2 mechanisms:
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> party outsourced compliance credits: mitigation banks and in lieu fee programs
    - Liability transfer
    - Restoration serves many permittees
    - No temporal loss
  - Permittee responsible (onsite or offsite)
    - Liability stays with permittee
      - Can be turnkey delivered by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party (pay for success)
    - Restoration is specific to one permittee



### Demand comes from diverse sectors

## All wetland and stream impacts requiring Clean Water Act mitigation (2012-2018)





# Market size is approx. \$4 bn annually

#### Annual mitigation market size<sup>a</sup>

#### Clean Water Act (CWA)

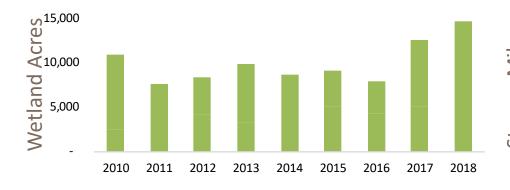
Wetland \$3.2 bn

Stream \$274 mm

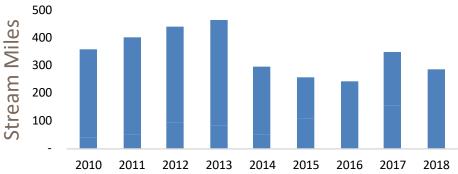
**Endangered Species** \$354 mm Approx. 4,000 CWA permits require mitigation annually

#### Volume of impacts requiring Clean Water Act mitigation<sup>β</sup>

Ave. ~10,000 acres of permitted wetland impacts require mitigation annually



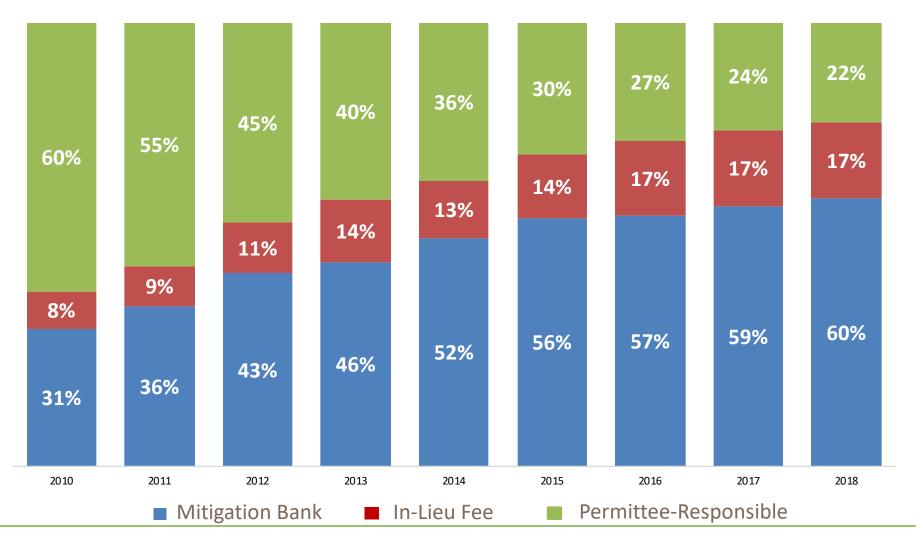
Ave. ~350 miles of permitted stream impacts require mitigation annually





# Bank market share is growing

### # of Clean Water Act permits issued, by mitigation type





Investment Source: EIP internal analysis of US Army Corps of Engineers Operations and Maintenance Business Information Link Regulatory Module (ORM) data, obtained through FOIA request by EIP 2012-2019. Years represent fiscal years.

# Value proposition is faster time to permit

#### Days to permit, by mitigation method, Clean Water Act permits (2010-2015)



## The market is diffuse

## Bank sponsors and units transacted per RIBITS database (all time; excludes ILF)

	# of banks	# of sponsors	Units transacted	# of sponsors in the top quartile of units transacted	# of sponsors in the bottom quartile of units transacted
Wetland	1,155	595	184,820 acres	5	512
Stream	358	195	560 miles	5	155
Species	128	75	41,158 acres	3	59

# **Diverse players & capital structures**

# Capital providers

 Deploy investment capital into mitigation and restoration operators

# Service providers

- Write permits
- Design mitigation plans
- Design restoration

### Bank asset owners / operators

 Develop and sell outsourced compliance products (mitigation credits, turn-key PRM and pay for success contracts)



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