



# ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

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## A Delaware First: The Nanticoke and Indian River Mitigation Bank in Sussex County, Delaware

**February 27, 2012, Georgetown, Del.** The 350-acre James Adkins Tract, previously a Loblolly Pine forest plantation in Sussex County, was purchased by Ecosystem Investment Partners (EIP) in an attempt to establish Delaware's first private wetland mitigation bank, and in 2010 LandmarkJCM conducted a wetland delineation to establish limits of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' jurisdiction.

Now in the final approval stage by the Corps of Engineers, you can contact EIP to discuss Nanticoke & Indian River Mitigation Bank credits available for reservation now and available for transfer in early 2012. The Bank will serve the wetland mitigation needs of Sussex County, Delaware in the Nanticoke and Indian River drainage basins. Mitigation credits generated by the Bank can be used for compensatory wetland mitigation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Take a look at the Mitigation Bank [Map](http://g.co/maps/nrmb) (<http://g.co/maps/nrmb>) or visit EIP at <http://www.nanticokebank.com/> for more information on the Bank and to contact them.

LandmarkJCM is pleased to assist EIP with the transformation of this former paper plantation into a diverse wetland intended for future banking needs.

### Nanticoke and Indian River Mitigation Bank

An Ecosystem Investment Partners project

**Ecosystem Investment Partners**  
 REALIZING ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES & CONSERVATION RESULTS

**Wetland Mitigation Banking**    **Restoration**    **Conservation**

**CONSERVATION NEED**  
 While there is currently significant investment in land conservation by both the public and private sectors, there is far greater demand for land protection and restoration than existing funds can support. EIP provides a private capital solution to this funding gap.

**MARKET SOLUTION**  
 Ecosystem Investment Partners delivers high-quality mitigation credits to developers and market returns to investors through the Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES) markets with a primary focus on wetland, stream, and endangered species mitigation banking.

**NANTICOKE AND INDIAN RIVER MITIGATION BANK**

**RESTORATION AND CONSERVATION STORY**

- In December 2010, Ecosystem Investment Partners acquired the 350-acre James Adkins Tract in Sussex County, Delaware. This area within the Nanticoke and Indian River drainage basins is a prime location for wetland mitigation banking.
- EIP acquired this property as the first step in the process of creating a wetland mitigation bank in Sussex County. The bank will provide a source of mitigation credits to offset impacts from development in the Nanticoke and Indian River drainage basins.
- EIP has established the first private mitigation bank in the state of Delaware, expected to be fully operational in February 2012 in the US Army Corps of Engineers.
- Over the past few months, the site has been transformed from a Loblolly Pine plantation to a diverse wetland. This transformation is the result of a partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Nanticoke and Indian River drainage basins.
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**NANTICOKE AND INDIAN RIVER MITIGATION BANK**

- Wetland mitigation credits serving the Nanticoke and Indian River drainage in Sussex County.
- Development can utilize credits to meet Section 404 compliance with the Clean Water Act for land development with associated wetland impacts.
- Mitigation credits provide an on-ground solution for ongoing impacts, helping guarantee the on-site of Delaware's wetland resources.

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**WHY MITIGATION BANKING**

An efficient, cost-effective way to meet Section 404 requirements of the Clean Water Act when impacts to wetlands are unavoidable.

A new, more consistent regulatory framework that provides the certainty for Ecosystem Investment Partners and the nation's leading environmental investors.

The comprehensive benefit of private land acquisition, conservation, restoration, and related development projects of all sizes.

**PARTNERS**

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, and other partners.