



## SOUTH DAKOTA IN-LIEU FEE PROGRAM

The Ducks Unlimited–South Dakota In-Lieu Fee Program sells wetland mitigation credits for permitted impacts in nine service areas (see map below). By accepting payment to the ILF program, DU assumes responsibility for delivering compensatory mitigation projects. Ducks Unlimited (DU) is recognized as the world's largest private wetlands conservation organization and has over 75 years of experience restoring and protecting aquatic habitat. DU's wetland mitigation program is backed by the same science-based research and expertise that guides our conservation work.

### WHAT IS THE IN-LIEU FEE (ILF) MITIGATION PROGRAM?

ILF is a type of mitigation where a permittee (project sponsor) pays a fee to a third party such as Ducks Unlimited in lieu of creating their own project-specific mitigation. An ILF Program typically combines fees collected from numerous projects to finance the implementation of mitigation projects.

### HOW MUCH DO ILF CREDITS COST?

The price of credits varies based on the location of the project and the type of wetlands being impacted. Please email DU for current credit pricing and availability.

### WHO DETERMINES CREDITS REQUIREMENTS?

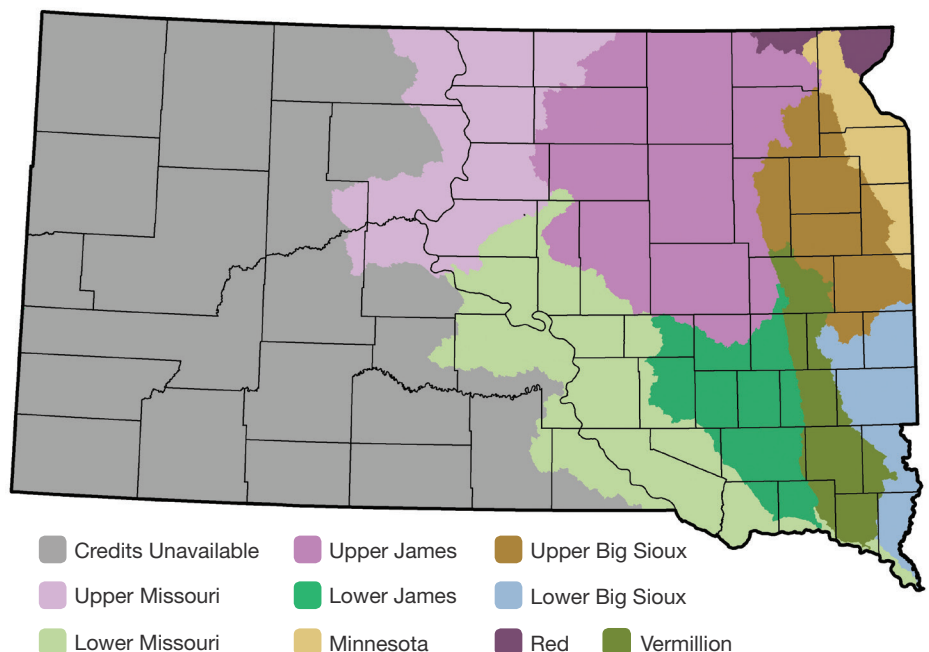
For impacts to Waters of the U.S. (including wetlands), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regulates permit requirements. Other agencies may require wetland mitigation for project approval.

### WHY IS DUCKS UNLIMITED INVOLVED?

Although avoidance and minimization should be part of any wetland mitigation strategy, some impacts are unavoidable. DU has developed significant capabilities in wetland restoration through our conservation work throughout North America. DU believes we can leverage our technical proficiencies to further our conservation mission by developing compensatory mitigation projects that create quality habitat and additional revenue.

### ► SOUTH DAKOTA SERVICE AREAS

Service areas are watershed-based geographic units used to determine mitigation boundaries. Wetland impacts must be offset with ILF credits from the same service area. Credit availability and pricing vary by service area.



#### INTERESTED?

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# WETLAND MITIGATION CREDIT SALES PROCESS

## CONTACT DUCKS UNLIMITED

Project sponsor or their representative contacts a DU mitigation specialist to determine availability of needed wetland mitigation credits in the project's location (service area).

## CREDIT AVAILABILITY LETTER

DU issues a credit availability letter to the project sponsor detailing credit information. The credit availability letter also serves to hold the specified credits, typically for a period of six months.

## SUBMIT PERMIT APPLICATION

The project sponsor submits the credit availability letter to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) or other regulatory agency with their project permit application.

## MITIGATION APPROVAL

Once USACE/agency reviews the permit application, they must approve the proposed mitigation and determine appropriate number of credits required. A permit number is generated by the agency and must be reported to DU for tracking purposes.

## PROJECT INVOICING

DU will invoice the project sponsor for the specified number of credits. The project sponsor sends payment to DU.

## SALES LETTER

DU sends a credit sales letter to project sponsor and agency, acknowledging that all mitigation responsibility has officially been transferred to DU.

## PERMIT ISSUED

Agency issues permit and project can proceed in compliance.