

PUBLIC NOTICE

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PROPOSED Illinois Mitigation Banking Service Areas

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF THE PROPOSED ILLINOIS MITIGATION BANKING STANDARD SERVICE AREAS

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Rock Island District upon review and with the assistance of an Interagency Review Team (IRT) including the Illinois DNR and USEPA proposes to create standard service areas in Illinois, Rock Island District area of responsibility only.

1. Significant Change: Proposed standard service areas have been developed to provide consistency between and among service areas across the Rock Island District's area in the state of Illinois for both mitigation banks and in-lieu fee programs. Standard service areas will expedite permitting processes, provide consistency across all banks/in-lieu fee programs, and will better align our district with regional mitigation practices. If the standard service area maps are approved, existing mitigation banks will have an opportunity to notify the Corps of their intent to modify their banking instrument to adopt the new standard service areas. Any bank that wishes to keep its approved and existing service area may do so. Any pending mitigation bank or in-lieu fee program that has not been approved will be required to utilize the new standard service areas.

2. Comments: This notice is meant to inform the public regarding the standard service area map and to generate public comments on the proposal. Any comments received will be reviewed and considered before making a final determination.

3. Comment Submittal: Comments or questions concerning this notice may be directed to Mrs. Wendy Frohlich (309/794-5674), email <u>wendy.m.frohlich@usace.army.mil</u>, US Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, ATTN: RD-E, Clock Tower Building - Post Office Box 2004, Rock Island, Illinois 61204-2004.

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Enclosure

Proposed Mitigation Bank Service Areas in Illinois -Rock Island District-

