

Core Element

Voluntary Restoration and Protection



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Voluntary Restoration and Protection

- Not required by statutes or regulations
 - Actions play role in meeting watershed/water resource management goals and priorities
 - Ideally, voluntary and regulatory programs complement each other
 - Focus on restoring/protecting natural wetlands to attain/maintain high level function/condition
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Goals

- Define restoration/protection goals throughout tribal territory
(survey/strategic planning and prioritization)
 - Protect wetlands/aquatic resources from degradation or destruction
(partnerships)
 - Restore acres, condition, function
(partnerships; generating resources)
 - Track progress, modify plan as appropriate *(monitoring)*
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Creative Possibilities

- Partnerships
- Funding Streams
- Integrating Across Programs/Program Objectives



Compensatory Mitigation as Regulatory Complement

- Compensatory mitigation projects can be strategically incorporated to help achieve restoration and protection goals
 - Mitigation banks
 - On site/off site
 - In-lieu fee
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