

North Coast In-Lieu Fee Program Policies on Advance Credit Requests, Reservation of Credits and Credit Purchases

1. In general, written responses to advance credit requests will be provided within five business days of a complete advance credit request form. The NCRCPD reserves the right to establish purchase requirements and to refuse to accept the transfer of funds or to sell credits for any reason.
2. Advance credits will be reserved for up to 30 calendar days from the date of written acknowledgment of availability for credits requested for level 1 isolated wetland impacts.
3. Advance credits will be reserved for up to 90 calendar days from the date of written acknowledgment of availability for credits requested for level 2 or 3 isolated wetland impacts, all jurisdictional wetland impacts, all stream impacts and all mitigation credits required by other federal, state or local programs.
4. The written acknowledgment of credit availability can be submitted by the applicant to regulatory authorities to document its commitment to mitigate for authorized impacts to wetlands or streams. However, the applicant's transfer of legal responsibility to mitigate for authorized impacts to wetlands or streams is not final until the credit fees are accepted by North Coast.
5. North Coast shall have the right, but not the obligation, to grant an extension of the reservation period. Extensions must be requested in writing specifying the amount of additional time required and the reason therefor. Extension requests submitted to North Coast after the reservation period lapses are subject to a reinstatement fee of \$500 payable at the time the credit fees are paid.
6. Credit fees are due within 10 business days of applicant's receipt of its permit or other authorization.
7. Credit fee payments may be made by check payable to "NCRCPD In-Lieu Fee Program" and mailed to: Neil Munger, Secretary, North Coast Regional Council of Park Districts, c/o Wood County Park District, 18729 Mercer Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402. EFT payments can be accommodated, but require prior coordination with the North Coast Treasurer.
8. To request a payment invoice for credit fees, applicant will submit a copy of its permit or other authorization to the mitigation coordinator. Submitted information must include the permit or authorization date, permit number or other identification number, the number of credits required to be purchased, the specific resource type (forested or nonforested wetland or stream) of credits required to be purchased, the specific service area and the in-lieu fee program authorized to provide the mitigation credits.
9. Irrespective of the number of credits specified in the permit or other authorization, wetland credits are sold in whole tenths and stream credits are sold in whole credits.
10. Following acceptance of applicant's credit fees, North Coast will confirm the applicant's mitigation credit purchase to the applicant and appropriate regulatory authorities in accordance with its in-lieu fee program instrument.

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