

**Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE)  
Land and Water Management Division**

**Wetland Mitigation Bank Pilot Program Designations**

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In accordance with amendments to Part 303, Wetlands Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, that became effective November 6, 2009, the DNRE is implementing a pilot program for assisting local units of governments and partnering individuals or entities in the development of wetland mitigation banks. This assistance shall include, but not limited to, supplying maps of potential wetland restoration areas for site selection, reviewing potential sites for mitigation banks, and expediting review of conceptual design plans. Counties with a population of 500,000 or more, or municipalities and partnering individuals or entities in those counties, were local units of governments eligible to participate in the pilot program. The proposed designation was posted on the DNRE's Web site for public review and comment for 21 days.

Administrative rules under Part 303 provide requirements for wetland mitigation banking in Michigan. Participation in this pilot program does not affect existing criteria for approval of mitigation banks. The rules and other information on wetland mitigation banking can be found at [www.michigan.gov/deqwetlands](http://www.michigan.gov/deqwetlands).

The DNRE has requested and received proposals for participation, provided public review and comment, and is designating the following organizations and locations for the pilot program:

- Oakland County, Water Resources Commissioner
- Oakland County, Parks and Recreation

The DNRE will notify these designees and provide feedback on their proposals. For more information on this designation, please contact Amy Lounds, Wetlands, Lakes and Streams Unit, at [loundsa@michigan.gov](mailto:loundsa@michigan.gov).