

## Key Issues and Interests

- *Support private "green" industry*
  - Private mitigation banks help the environment and the economy
  - Private mitigation banks effect sound ecological "trading"
  - Private mitigation banks provide excellent ecological results
    - Endorsed by Congress
    - Endorsed by National Academy of Sciences, Society of Wetland Sciences, Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Council on Environmental Quality and others
  - Yet private mitigation banking industry is struggling under heavy, regulatory burden, losing members
  - **NMBA supports** *fair treatment for private mitigation banking*
  
- *Promulgate final mitigation regulations*
  - "Level playing field" mitigation regulations pending at Army and EPA
  - **NMBA supports** *high environmental standards for all mitigation*
  - **NMBA supports** *prompt final mitigation regulation*
  
- *Spend Federal mitigation money at private mitigation banks*
  - Private mitigation banks are the most heavily regulated mitigation providers
  - Private mitigation banks consistently outperform other mitigation
  - Preference for mitigation banks recognized in ISTEPA, TEA-21 and WRDA
  - **NMBA supports** *clear preference for private mitigation banks*

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