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# Mitigation Dollars: Winning the Lottery?

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## East Central Illinois

- ▶ LCF “won the lottery” three times, with one large and two smaller wetland mitigation projects.
- ▶ Similarities to the lottery?
  - ▶ Potentially large influx of money at one time can be misleading
  - ▶ Ability to secure a future mitigation project is uncertain
- ▶ Lessons Learned:
  - ▶ Budget for the life of the mitigation project - one of LCFs has a 20-year monitoring requirement!
  - ▶ Set aside sufficient funds to cover a “worst case” scenario in the life of the project.
  - ▶ Successfully implement the project so you are in good-standing for a future mitigation project (another lottery!).



# PRAIRIE LAND CONSERVANCY - Mitigation Mayhem

- ▶ Enbridge Pipeline's South Flanagan Pipeline Mitigation \$\$ for 600 mile, four state installation [Clint Miller, The Conservation Fund presented project at PSCC annual meeting 2014]
- ▶ Purchased 3 CEs - 362 acres in 2017
- ▶ Purchased 2 fee lands - 548 acres in 2014 and 2017 [expect one more 2018]
- ▶ Expectations:
  - ▶ Recipient Agreements
  - ▶ Mitigation practice installation time table