Mitigation Dollars: Winning the Lottery?

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- 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!).
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- Enbridge Pipeline’s South Flanagan Pipeline Mitigation $$ for 600 mile, four state installation [Clint Miller, The Conservation Fund presented project at PSCC annul 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