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Lake Erie Establishes First Wetland Bank in Indiana

Chesterton, IN—Lake Erie Land Company is proud to announce that Indiana's first full scale wetland mitigation bank is now available and can begin to sell wetland credits to meet mitigation needs. Located in Lake Station, Indiana, the Lake Station Wetland Mitigation Bank (LSWMB) can be utilized to meet wetland mitigation needs for most projects within the Little Calumet River watershed. The LSWMB includes approximately 200 acres of restored wet-prairie wetlands adjacent to the Little Calumet River.

“This is the first IDEM (Indiana Department of Environmental Management) approved mitigation bank in the state of Indiana. It was approved on October 4, 2001, and was signed by representatives from the EPA, US Fish & Wildlife, IDEM, US Army Corp of Engineers (Detroit District,) IDNR (Indiana Department of Natural Resources) and Lake Erie Land Company,” said Don Ewoldt, Director of Wetland Banking for Lake Erie Land Company.

“Due to the fact that this is the first wetland bank in the state of Indiana, it took the Mitigation Bank Review Team (consisting of the first five entities mentioned above) three years to create the Banking Instrument, which is the document that contains the principles guiding the bank,” added Ewoldt.

Following the sale of all mitigation credits, the property will be donated, along with a maintenance fund, to the National Parks Service to become part of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. The construction and planting work have already been completed at the site by mitigation consultants J.F. New & Associates of Walkerton, Indiana. Credits are now available.

Please contact Don Ewoldt of Lake Erie Land Company at (219) 395-5300 or 800-606-7263 for more information.

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