



### SCOPE OF PROJECT

Conventional mitigation is developed on a project-by-project basis and provides for specific replacement of known wetland impacts. While often an acceptable method of providing compensatory mitigation, this approach is expensive and management-intensive. Each mitigation effort may require land acquisition, agreements, survey and design, a construction contract, and comprehensive monitoring. Rather than constructing several conventional mitigation areas, it was more efficient to construct a single site in advance to provide for the expected wetland loss.



### IMPLEMENTATION

An extensive needs assessment was initiated to ensure credits were indeed needed. Following the needs assessment, a site search was begun to identify large potentially restorable tracks of property within the watershed. The project has been successfully developed through final design and is awaiting funding.



### SERVICES

The project was initially planned utilizing a close network of mitigation experts; the latest data on projected development projects in the service area; geographic information system (GIS) analysis for identifying potential sites; water budget and other hydrology studies; preparing a prospectus; various surveying tasks including pre-existing wetlands, hazardous waste, cultural resources, protected species studies, and topographic surveys; preparing the banking instrument; permit applications; final design; property acquisition plans; agreement development; continued coordination with the regulatory agencies.

### TIMELINE

Project Start Date: January 2000

Project Completed: December 2003