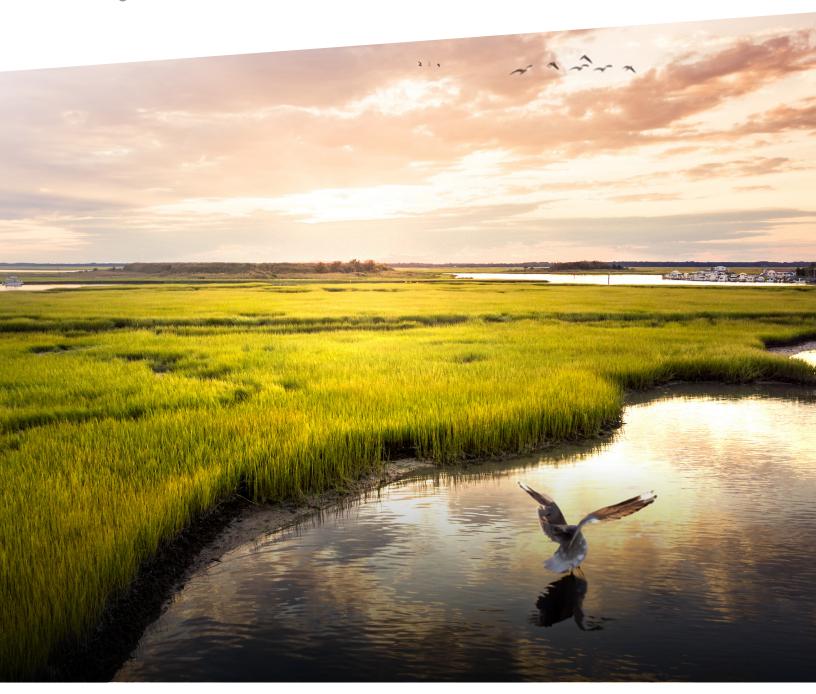
# Financial Assurance for Conservation and Ecological Restoration

Bonding and Insurance





# **Specialization**

We underwrite conservation and ecological restoration and activities including:

#### Stream & River

Restoration, rehabilitation, or reclamation of streams and rivers to a pre-disturbed state

#### **Riparian Restoration**

Stream bank planting and erosion control to improve nutrient absorption and improve water quality

#### **Wetland Restoration**

Restoration, rehabilitation, or recreation of wetland hydrology and habitat

# **The Great American Advantage**

- Multi-year bonds and insurance policies that accommodate reduction schedules (only reduce upon written approval of regulators) and ensure compliance over the life of banks with predictable costs.
- Offer both bonds and insurance policies to cover all forms of mitigation projects: Banks, PRM, ILF and Construction Contractor bonds.
- Able to meet peripheral project bonding needs (e.g., sediment & Erosion, easement encroachment, landowner easement payment).
- Forms approved in 20 USACE districts within 22 states.
- Adopted FL DEP-mandated Bond forms for both Construction & Implementation and Perpetual Management, freeing capital to back PM endowments.

#### **Habitat Restoration**

Activities on protected lands that preserve genetic diversity, prevent species extinction, and support recovery of endangered species

# **Native Species Planting**

Planting native species to improve and preserve diverse habitat

## **Invasive Species Removal and Control**

Managing invasive species to preserve natural habitat

Team with more than **35 years** of combined experience in conservation, land management, restoration and related financial assurance.

- Adaptable forms to comply with agencymandated language nationwide, across multiple jurisdictions with flexibility and knowledge to keep pace with shifting regulatory environments.
- Streamlined underwriting with typical quote turnaround time with 24-48 hours of completed application.
- Typical annualized rates between 1-2% of limits.

# **Examples of Nationwide Offerings**

- USACE Mitigation Banks: Bonds or Insurance
- USACE Permittee-Responsible Mitigation Projects: Bonds or Insurance
- USACE In-Lieu Fee Programs and Sites: Bonds or Insurance
- Contractor Performance Bonds
- NRCS Mitigation Bank Bonds
- Conservations/Species Bank Bonds
- Stream Alteration Bonds



# **Examples of State-Specific Offerings**

#### Florida

- FL DEP: Construction & Implementation Bonds (up to 10 years upfront)
- FL DEP: Perpetual Management Bonds (up to 10 years upfront)

#### **North Carolina**

- Projects contracted under NC DEQ, Division of Mitigation Services:
  Bonds only
- NC DEQ, Division of Water Resources, Nutrient and Riparian Buffer Mitigation Banks: Bonds only

## **New Jersey**

- NJ DEP Mitigation Banking Program Bonds and Insurance
- NJ DEP Permittee-Responsible Program Bonds and Insurance

# Virginia

- Sediment/Siltation & Erosion Control Bonds: As required for mitigation bank permitting in Virginia
- Landscape Bonds: As required for mitigation banks in Virginia

#### Michigan

State of Michigan: EGLE Wetland Mitigation Site Bond and PRM

# Districts Served To Date\*:

Baltimore

Buffalo

Charleston

Fort Worth

Galveston

Huntington Jacksonville

Kansas City

Louisville

Mobile

Nashville

New Orleans

New York

Norfolk

Omaha

Philadelphia

Pittsburgh

Rock Island

Savannah

St. Louis

Wilmington

\*New districts added regularly



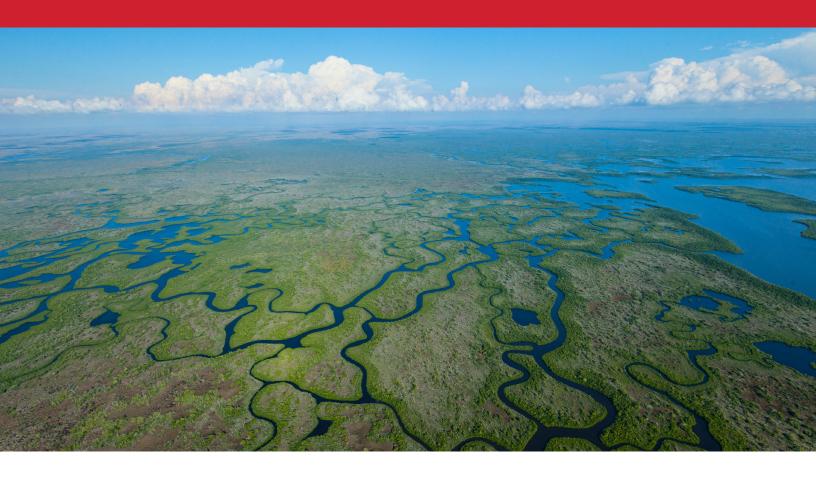
Multi-year bonds and insurance policies



**Expertise and broad appetite** within conservation and ecological restoration



**24-48 hour turnaround** time for underwriting





**Innovative Markets** 

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# **Bespoke Programs and Policies**

We have broad interest in all kinds of environmental offset, conservation and ecological restoration projects. The programs listed are representative. Regardless of whether your project or program type is listed, contact us to see how we can help.





