

# WETLAND MITIGATION PARTNERSHIP

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# FEDERAL AID CONSTRUCTION IN SOUTH DAKOTA

- Rules & requirements for participation & issuance of federal aid
- NEPA Umbrella
  - Endangered Species Act - Section 7
  - National Historic Preservation Act
  - Clean Air Act
  - **Clean Water Act – Section 404 (regulated by USACE)**
  - **Executive Order 11990 (regulated by FHWA)**



# THE IMPORTANCE OF WETLANDS







# THE 2008 MITIGATION RULE

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- Regulated by the USACE
- Stressed importance of avoidance & minimization before mitigation
- SD DOT is required to provide mitigation for any impacts to wetlands under the 2008 rule
- Mitigation properties are protected in perpetuity and need to have long-term management
- Established a hierarchy in which mitigation should be secured



## MITIGATION OPTIONS

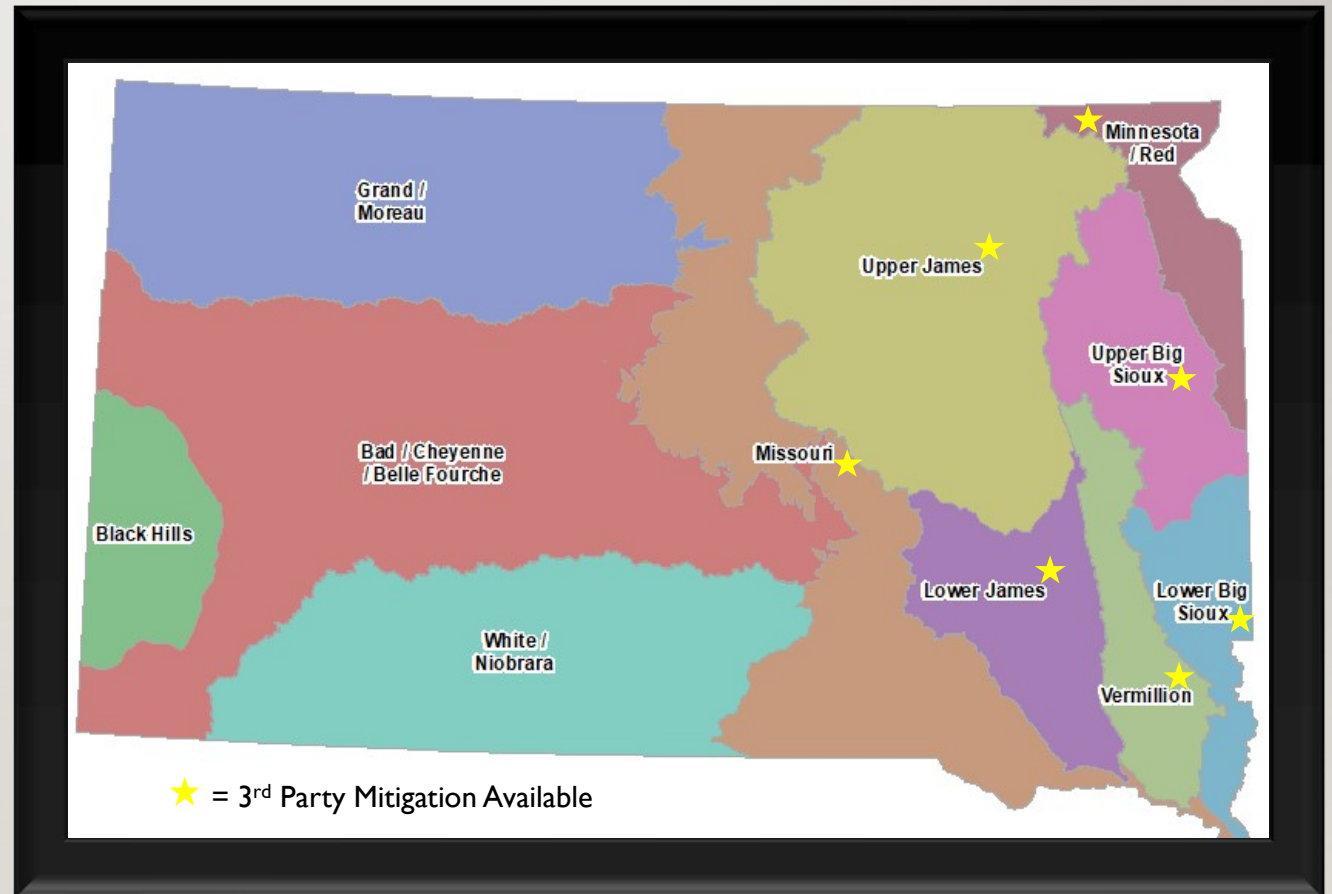
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- Mitigation Banks
- In-Lieu Fee Mitigation
- Permittee Responsible Mitigation



# MITIGATION SERVICE AREAS

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# STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

**SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC PLAN (Jul '19 to Jun '20)** 08/19/19

**MISSION... Why We Exist.**

*To efficiently provide a safe and effective public transportation system*

**VISION... What Success Looks Like**

*Achieve excellence in providing transportation facilities that meet the needs of the public.*

**CORE VALUES... Principles and Expected Behaviors that Guide our Actions and Conduct**

**"Better lives through better transportation"**

*All employees contribute to providing a high quality transportation system by continuously striving to improve the quality of services offered*

*A collaborative workplace where each employee models:*

- High Ethical Standards** - Honesty, integrity, respect, and professionalism with our internal customers, partners, stakeholders, and the public
- Stewardship** - Innovative, efficient and accountable use of public resources
- Transparent Public Service** - Exemplary public service with unprecedented access to information and decision-making processes
- Safety** - Safety in all we do

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES... Where We Must Focus Our Strengths and Resources to Overcome Our Challenges**

Improve Customer and Stakeholder Service	Sustain and Grow a High Quality Workforce	Improve Processes	Improve Public and Workforce Safety	Sustain and Manage the State Transportation System and Assets
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**STRATEGIC PLAN 2016-2020**

## SDGFP MISSION DRIVERS

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Conserving  
Outdoor Heritage

Strategic Plan  
Objectives

Second Century  
Initiative



# PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS

## The Public

- Transportation infrastructure improvements
- Water quality improvements
- Access to additional public lands



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## SDDOT

- Transportation infrastructure improvements
- Transportation project delivery
- Process improvement by securing wetland mitigation in advance of projects and associated impacts
- Establishing partnerships with local and state agencies
- Partnering with SDGFP; a long-term management entity that is well versed in land management throughout South Dakota

## SDGFP

- Additional wildlife habitat
- Enhancement of existing wetlands and associated wildlife habitat
- Additional public hunting access opportunities
- Protecting and enhancing our natural resources within the state of South Dakota
- Partnerships with outside agencies

QUESTIONS?

