

## **More Nature, Less Paperwork: Insights from Research on Streamlining Permits for Restoration Projects**

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Restoration projects are burdened with delays and permitting costs that can burn through up to a third of a project's budget. This presentation will review research results from the Environmental Policy Innovation Center's (EPIC) quantitative analysis of US Army Corps of Engineers data on timelines of mitigation bank approvals. Using a live survey tool, we will find out what the audience thinks are the top opportunities to speed restoration projects and compare that to a synthesis of recommendations from interviews with 30 restoration project developers across the US. Examples of implementing those recommendations will be highlighted from EPIC's database of permit streamlining policies and programs.

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