In Lieu Fee Program
The New Hampshire Experience

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Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund (ARM)

- Currently utilized with input from Corps and EPA
- Modifications proposed based upon three years experience
- Change from HUC 8 watersheds to major river basins (16 to 9 geographic service areas)
  - Share common geographic history, physical and climate characteristics, similar watershed assemblages
  - Increased accumulation of funds so release of funds is more meaningful; mandated releases to account for temporal losses and timely expenditure of funds
Draft ILF Instrument

- Stakeholder meetings (WAP, conservation organizations, planning commissions, NRCS, watershed bureau, dam and stream issues)
  - Feb. – May 2011

- Compensation Planning Framework
  - Draft by June 2011

- Draft instrument for IRT review
  - Sept. 2011

- Final instrument for signature
  - April 2012

- Advance credits; working with the Corps as everything is advanced credits
Merrimack River Oxbow Property Proposed Budget

- DES ARM Funds: $300,000
- NOAA Funds: $100,000
- Open Space Institute: $150,000
- LCHIP: $200,000
- Private fundraising: $60,000

TOTAL: $810,000