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RE: KRS 151.614 (3) Stream Restoration and Mitigation Report

Director Comstock,

KRS 151.614 (3) requires an authority formed under KRS 151.611 to prepare and submit a report to the Legislative Research Commission by October 31st of each year. Pursuant to KRS 150.255, the Kentucky Wetland and Stream Mitigation Fund was created in 2000 and the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources was then delegated as authority to manage and implement the program. These mitigation authorities are statutorily different and distinct than the Department of Fish and Wildlife's Stream and Wetland Mitigation program, but the mission and purpose appear to be very similar. Although reporting requirement does not appear in KRS 150.255, for informational purposes, please find enclosed a copy of the 2024 annual report which the Department submits to the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

The Annual Report provides financial information about the projects being performed statewide in multiple Service Areas as well as an updated status of said projects. The "Program Financial Status" section of the report, starting on page 11, covers all CY2025 receipts by Service Area and program funding activity.

Despite the Department of Fish and Wildlife not being listed as an authority itself, nor as an authority member in KRS 151.613, the KDFWR is happy to provide the program's annual report as detailed information about the ongoing work of its Stream and Wetland Mitigation Program. This report is being submitted to LRC in the interest of transparency following the recent statutory amendments affecting the Department's procurement authority and organizational structure and provides a detailed overview of the Department's program.

If there are additional questions or more information is needed about a specific Service Area or project, please feel free to contact the Program's Administrative Coordinator, Rob Lewis, at 502-545-4772 or by email at rob.lewis@ky.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Rich Storm, Commissioner
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