

**Objectives and Test Questions for the Presentation by Robin B. on  
“Factors Affecting Cost and Feasibility of Mitigation Projects”**

**Objective #1** – Learn about some of the factors regarding property interests that may affect the cost of a mitigation project.

**Objective #2** – Learn about some of the factors regarding property interests that may affect the feasibility of a mitigation project.

**Objective #3** – Learn some best practices in regard to identifying and managing various interests in property.

**Five test questions**

1. Which of the following are factors that may affect the cost and feasibility of mitigation projects? (select all that apply)
  - A. Regulatory drivers (federal, state and local).
  - B. Presence of hazardous materials.
  - C. Mineral rights.
  - D. Cultural resources.
  - E. Utility conflicts.

**Answer:** *All of the above.*

2. What are some best practices you could employ to avoid conflicting property interests? (select all that apply)
  - A. Obtain a copy of the deed as it will ensure all existing property rights are represented.
  - B. Be sure to identify all potential utility conflicts and begin coordination with affected utility companies as early as possible.
  - C. Utilize information from GIS or provided by others with an understanding that it may be insufficient to support design of your mitigation project.
  - D. Be sure to do the most complete due diligence studies that the project schedule and cost can support.
  - E. Check local zoning laws and be sure to coordinate early with the locality to ensure that the site can be rezoned for conservation purposes.

**Answer:** *B, C, D and E*

3. What were some of the reasons why the Newton Creek site was not feasible? (select all that apply)
  - A. There was a bald eagle nest on the site.
  - B. Chesapeake Bay Protection Act buffers.
  - C. Historic property on the site.
  - D. Incompatible zoning.
  - E. Recognized environmental conditions.

**Answer: A, B and C**

4. What were some of the reasons why the Phillips Creek site was not feasible? (select all that apply)
- A. Anticipated costs of material disposal.
  - B. Recognized environmental conditions.
  - C. Objections by neighbors.
  - D. Incomplete hydrologic analysis.
  - E. Government to government coordination.

**Answer: A, B and D**

5. These are the items that project proponents should look into prior to selecting a site? (select all that apply)
- A. Coordinate early and often with regulatory agencies to identify potentially conflicting regulatory policies or regulations that could negatively affect your project.
  - B. Know your federal, state and local regulatory environment associated with wetland, stream, or habitat mitigation.
  - C. Fully investigate property rights, especially water rights and mineral rights
  - D. Perform a cost-benefit analysis based on future land value.
  - E. Perform a study on impact of construction noise on neighbors.

**Answer: A, B and C**