

David Urban- Bio

David Urban is Director of Operations for **Ecosystem Investment Partners (EIP)**, a private equity fund manager that acquires and manages high priority conservation properties across the United States. EIP delivers competitive returns to its investors through the use of new, market based mechanisms that reward landowners for the restoration and protection of their natural resources (such as wetlands, streams, endangered species) as well as the sustainable use of more traditional resources (forestry, agriculture). David is also a President of the National Mitigation Banking Association, a leading trade group of ecosystem service providers.

After graduating from Northwestern University with a B.S in Mechanical Engineering, David was commissioned in the US Navy, where he served on active duty from 1984 until 1989. While in the Navy he became interested in water resource issues, and completed a masters program in Environmental Engineering at Illinois Institute of Technology.

After the Navy, David joined the US Army Corps of Engineers in the Chicago District as a regulatory permit officer. David worked as a professional engineer for over 18 years in Chicago for a variety of consulting firms including Hey and Associates, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd, Tetra Tech EMI, and Land and Water Resources, Inc. His responsibilities included project management, design, and permitting a variety of natural resource projects including stream restoration, wetland restoration, flood control reservoirs, and wetland mitigation banks.

David spent a total of 7 years with Land and Water Resources as Director of Operations, managing 15 mitigation banking projects from concept, through design and permitting, construction and bank operations before joining Ecosystem Investment Partners. David has also worked on both the national and local levels on mitigation policy through the National Mitigation Banking Association, and has written extensively on wetland policy.