

# Cassadaga Wind Project Compensatory Mitigation Bank



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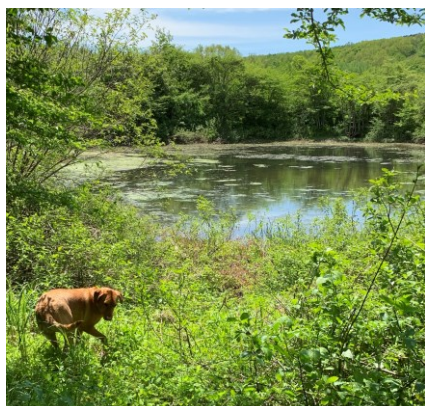
The Cassadaga 150-Megawatt Wind Farm required the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and New York Department of Environmental Conservation (NYDEC) approval of the wetlands mitigation plan, acquisition of permittee responsible mitigation property, execution of the proposed plan and ten years of monitoring and maintenance.

Working Lands Investment Partners contracted with Innogy to complete the wetlands permitting and implementation for the Cassadaga 150-MW Wind Farm in Western New York.



## **SOLUTION:**

The mitigation project offset unavoidable impacts to the waters of the United States required by the Clean Water Act and overseen by the USACE as well as impacts to freshwater wetlands by the NYDEC. The mitigation plan included 2 acres of wetland establishment, 3 acres of wetland enhancement, 14 acres of wetland rehabilitation, and preservation of 39 acres of land. The contract was executed in May 2019 and the final Article 10 permits required for the wind farms project notice to proceed for implementation and interconnection to the grid was received in December 2019 – 7 months.



## **PARTNERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

At Working Lands, we pride ourselves on community engagement and close, working relationships with regulatory agencies across the U.S. For this project, WLIP and Innogy worked closely with United States Corps of Engineers – Buffalo District, New York State Department of Conservation – Albany, NY, and the New York Public Service Commission.

*Working Lands Investment Partners (WLIP) has a long history of pioneering and implementing water and soil remediation, restoration, rehabilitation, and regeneration. Our ecosystem restoration work delivers economical, sustainable, and verifiable solutions that alleviate the negative impacts of ecological damage resulting from human activity.*