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Compensatory Wetland Accounting

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Accounting of Compensatory Mitigation

- Historic decision to not account for compensatory mitigation actions had no real basis.
 - All other programs with regulatory context are accounted such as erosion control, stormwater management
- Now that wetlands are a land cover class, there will be some land cover conversions detected in the landcover change analysis.
 - Wetland and stream restoration efforts that occur under regulatory requirements may result in future forest loss change detection efforts without accounting of the restoration gains
 - Change detection stands to disincentive wetland stream restoration.
- Non accounting of regulatory actions is now affecting state's ability to incentive wetland/stream restoration banking industry deployment to address multiple programmatic needs

