

**WASHINGTON STATE WRP RANKING CRITERIA
FOR *RIPARIAN* ZONES
ON EASEMENTS AND RESTORATION COST SHARE AGREEMENTS**

Use this ranking form for Permanent Easements, 30 - Year Easements, or Restoration Cost Share Agreements which contain eligible riparian acreage. If the site contains eligible wetlands and riparian zone acreage, the applicable easement or restoration cost share agreement ranking form will also be completed. If the site contains only riparian zone acreage, this is the only ranking form that will be completed.

If the site contains two or more eligible riparian zones which are not directly linked together, rank only the riparian zone that would yield the highest score.

The definition of a riparian zone in the WRP manual is land occurring along streams, channels, rivers and other water bodies.

All ratings are to be based on anticipated functions and values following installation of restoration practices and a sufficient period of time for plant communities to become established.

Does this application contain only eligible riparian zone acreage?

Landowner Name: County:

Total Score (Riparian): FIPS:

Date: Farm Number:

Address: Tract Number:

City: State:

Home Phone: ZIP Code:

Work Phone: USGS Quadrangle:

Planning Team Members

Name	Agency

Township:

Range:

Section(s):

Existing, functional riparian: Acres

Existing, degraded riparian to restore:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Contract Number:

Rank:

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Password: riparian

Maps

**The following maps must be attached to this plan to complete the Preliminary Plan.
The easement area boundaries must be delineated clearly on ALL maps.**

1. **Soils Map** with the areas presently determined to have hydric soils (verified by field investigations) highlighted. *Attach a copy of the county hydric soils legend.*

2. **Planning Map showing the present and planned conditions on site.** Two maps may be needed, one for the present conditions and one for the planned restoration. *This work must be done on high quality copies of aerial photographs.* The map must show:

Present conditions

- Tract or property boundaries clearly identified.
- Easement boundaries clearly identified.
- Access route clearly identified for (ingress and egress).
- Show drainage features including: streams, ditches, waterways, tile systems and outlets.
- Utilities, buildings, and land use if this map is also to be used for the Preliminary Certificate of Inspection & Possession.

Planned Restoration

- Fields with restoration practices and vegetative cover type identified in them.

3. **The CPA-26 included in the application package must have a wetland determination map attached to it.**

[Wetland Reserve Manual](#)

Comment Area: Use this space to make any comments you may have or need to make about the proposed project area.

This area meets WRP land eligibility requirements

Wetland Specialist

Date

Landowner Name:

EXCEPTIONS TO RANKING CATEGORIES

Does this application contain only eligible riparian zone acreage?

Yes / No

Does this application qualify as a special cooperative partnership agreement containing partners that are willing to provide special implementation expertise and fund leveraging to the extent that an obvious increase in the ecological and cost efficiencies of the WRP effort would be achieved via such a special partnership approach?

Yes / No

Agency	Agency Contact Person	Cost Share Restoration	Cost Share Easement
Cost Share Total:			

Is this site hydrologically connected to or within a 1/2 mile of an existing WRP easement or WRP cost share agreement site, or some other form of protected wetland such as , Federal, State, or Local Unit of Government property currently managed as a wetland?

If Yes, please highlight the neighboring site on the planning map.

Yes / No

Name of neighboring site

Does this property contain wetlands that are ecologically significant but whose values may not be captured through this quantitative ranking system?

Yes / No

If you believe these wetlands are significant please explain why.

Landowner Name:

FACTOR 1 - SIGNIFICANCE OF WETLAND FUNCTIONS AND VALUES

For items A through D below, rate the probability for providing key habitat based on the cost share agreement duration.

A. Habitat for waterfowl and / or other migratory birds (such as shorebirds, neotropical migrants, etc.) including production and \ or seasonal use.

0 to 15 pts.

B. Habitat for other wildlife such as amphibians, reptiles, amphibious mammals and terrestrial mammals.

0 to 10 pts.

C. Habitat for fish such as spawning, rearing, refuge, etc.

0 to 10 pts.

D. Habitat for declining species such as Threatened & Endangered, proposed, candidate, species of concern, or State priority species.

List Species: _____

0 to 15 pts.

Rate 15 points for Threatened & Endangered Species, proposed, candidate, and species of concern; rate 10 points for concentration areas of State priority species; rate 5 points for State priority species outside of a concentration area.

E. Rate the site for other wetland functions, such as floodwater storage, increasing water quality, increasing vegetative diversity, subsurface water recharge, etc.

0 to 15 pts.

Please list any additional functions below to justify the points awarded under section E.

SUBTOTAL PAGE 4:

Landowner Name:

F. Likelihood of habitat retention.

10 points - perpetuity
03 points - 30 years minimum

G. Size of the riparian zone.

Select the applicable points from the average width table and the total length table below and add for total, (*left to right looking downstream, please label maps*).

Average width (<i>left side</i>)	Average Width (<i>right side</i>)	Points (<i>total width</i>)
300 feet	300 feet	60
250 feet	250 feet	50
200 feet	200 feet	40
150 feet	150 feet	30
100 feet	100 feet	20
50 feet	50 feet	10
<50 feet	<50 feet	0

 feet feetWidth Points:

Total Length (<i>left side</i>)	Total Length (<i>right side</i>)	Points (<i>both sides</i>)
10,000 or more feet	10,000 or more feet	60
5000 feet	5000 feet	50
4000 feet	4000 feet	40
3000 feet	3000 feet	30
2000 feet	2000 feet	20
1000 feet	1000 feet	10
500 feet	500 feet	5
Less than 500 feet	Less than 500 feet	0

 feet feetLength
Points: Project Acres: Calculated Acres: Total Points for Size of Riparian Zone: **SUBTOTAL PAGE 5:** Landowner Name:

FACTOR 2 ESTIMATED COST OF EASEMENT

H. Easement cost per acre.

Maximum Cap:

If this applicant is a Restoration Cost Share Agreement; (Type RCSA under Easement Type.)

Landowner Bid:

Landowners Initials to Bid:

Landowner Point Credit:

Easement Type:

(for bids under the easement cap)

Permanent or 30-Year

FACTOR 3 RESTORATION ACTIVITIES

I. Per Unit cost

If overall restoration practice unit costs are estimated to be equal to the established WRP cost list unit costs, rate = 0 points. For each 10% greater than the established cost list, subtract 2 points. Each 10% less than the established cost list, add 2 points.

Percent of Established Costs:

Points:

J. Operation and maintenance required to meet restoration objectives.

Points

Minimal or no management required to maintain wetland conditions. Includes normal oversight, and clean-up and protection activities. Practices that may be in this category include:

10

- ditch plugs
- tile breaks
- low berms without structures
- seeding (herbaceous)
- no or little manipulation of water control structures

Infrequent maintenance and operation required such as:

5

- replacement of water control structures (pipes) at the end of their life
- seasonal manipulation of water control structures desired for restoration of wetland, but not required

Long-term intensive management required such as:

0

- manipulation of water control structures required to address permitting requirements
- expected lifespan of practice(s) on site is below normal
- noxious weed control in an area with a known noxious weed problem

Points:

Landowner Name:

SUBTOTAL PAGE 6:

K. Location Significance

Rate 10 points if the site is adjacent to an existing WRP project or other "protected area" or if it is located in a county without any existing WRP easements and cost share agreements; rate 0 points if none of the above applies.

Points:

FACTOR 4 AVAILABILITY OF MATCHING FUNDS

L. Cost of easement.

No matching Funds = 0 points
Matching Funds = 1 point per 5% match

Points:

M. Cost of restoration.

No matching Funds = 0 points
Matching Funds = 1 point per 5% match

Points:

FACTOR 5 CROPPING HISTORY

J. Evidence of crop or forage production within the past five years.

No evidence = 0 points
Evidence = 10 points

Points:

SUBTOTAL PAGE 7:

Total Score (Riparian): Percent

Total Score (30 Year & Permanent): Percent

Combined Score: Percent

Landowner Name:

Wetland Classification for the Preliminary Plan
 (Use the Cowardin System and list the three dominant species.)
 Match the system letter with the site location on the plan map.

System: A	Initial	Acreage	Planned	Acreage
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Species:	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>
	Species:	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>
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System: B	Initial	Acreage	Planned	Acreage
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System: C	Initial	Acreage	Planned	Acreage
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System: D	Initial	Acreage	Planned	Acreage
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System: E	Initial	Acreage	Planned	Acreage
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System: F	Initial	Acreage	Planned	Acreage
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Landowner Name:

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System: G	Initial	Acreage	Planned	Acreage
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System: H	Initial	Acreage	Planned	Acreage
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	Species:	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>
Species:	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	

System: I	Initial	Acreage	Planned	Acreage
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	Species:	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>
	Species:	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>
Species:	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	

System: J	Initial	Acreage	Planned	Acreage
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System: K	Initial	Acreage	Planned	Acreage
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System: L	Initial	Acreage	Planned	Acreage
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Landowner Name:

Essential Restoration Practices

Structural Wetland Restoration Practices

A Cultural Resources Review Form must be completed for all "Undertakings"
(Refer to GM Subpart D Appendices 401.40)

Practice Code	Description	Quantity	Unit	Estimated Cost per Unit	Total Estimated Cost
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Vegetative Cover Establishment

Practice Code	Description	Quantity	Unit	Estimated Cost per Unit	Total Estimated Cost
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Estimated Easement Cost:

Landowner Name:

TOTAL ESTIMATED RESTORATION COST: