

## Appendix B. Revisions to Land Acquisition, Buffer Restoration, and Wetlands Restoration Scoring Methods

Following Tetra Tech (2008a), the WPG provided comments on the screening criteria and the following updates were made to the prioritization methods.

- Land Acquisition Parcel Scoring
  - Erosion hazard metric weight doubled.
  - The number of top ranking parcels was increased from 13 to 25.
  - A stakeholder priority metric was added that gave a score of 10 to each opportunity that intersected with a stakeholder recommended acquisition site. Opportunities that did not intersect with a stakeholder priority were given a score of 1. The location of one priority could not be disclosed to Tetra Tech due to the sensitive nature of the location; for this priority, all parcels within the coinciding subwatershed were given a score of 10. Since the land acquisition analysis only considers natural, undisturbed area, only stakeholder priorities containing natural vegetation were included.
  - A total area metric was added that scored opportunities based on the total acres of natural area by quartile. The lowest quartile of natural area received a score of 2.5, and the highest quartile of natural area received a score of 10.
- Buffer Restoration
  - The weight for the Sewer Lines metric was halved. This change was made because sewer lines impacting riparian areas may be removed in the future. Removal or relocation of sewer lines may be a management opportunity to coincide with buffer restoration.
- Wetland Restoration
  - A mature riparian trees metric was added using the same rules as the buffer restoration mature riparian trees metric.
  - The weight for the Sewer Lines metric was halved for the same reasoning as the corresponding buffer restoration metric.

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