

Oregon Freshwater Wetland Assessment Methodology

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Wetland Assessment Summary Sheet

Pacific Habitat Services, Inc.

Project Name:	Corvallis Natural Resource Inventory	Wetland:	WC-SQU-W-9
Project Location:	Benton County	Wetland Type(s):	PEMf
Date(s) of field work:	10/1/2002	Approx. Area (acres):	2.22
Onsite Assessment?:	NO	Investigator(s):	PF / CR
Wetland Location:	West of 53rd, north of West Hills Road, south of RR tracks		

Function and Condition Assessment Answers

Wildlife Habitat		Fish Habitat		Water Quality		Hydrologic Control		Sensitivity to Impact	
Q	A	Q	A	Q	A	Q	A	Q	A
Q-1	B	Q-1		Q-1	B	Q-1	B	Q-1	A
Q-2	C	Q-2		Q-2	B	Q-2	B	Q-2	B
Q-3	C	Q-3		Q-3	C	Q-3	B	Q-3	C
Q-4	C	Q-4		Q-4	B	Q-4	C	Q-4	B
Q-5	B	Q-5		Q-5	B	Q-5	C	Q-5	A
Q-6	B	Q-6		Q-6	C	Q-6	B	Q-6	C
Q-7	A					Q-7	A		
Q-8	B								
Q-9A									
Q-9B	C								

Results:

Wildlife Habitat	Wetland provides habitat for some wildlife species
Fish Habitat	Fish habitat was not assessed for this wetland
Water Quality	Wetland's water-quality function is impacted or degraded
Hydrologic Control	Wetland's hydrologic control is impacted or degraded
Sensitivity to Impact	Wetland is potentially sensitive to future impacts

Function and Condition Assessment Answers

Enhancement Potential		Education		Recreation		Aesthetic Quality	
Q	A	Q	A	Q	A	Q	A
Q-1	A	Q-1	C	Q-1	C	Q-1	C
Q-2	C	Q-2	B	Q-2	C	Q-2	A
Q-3		Q-3	B	Q-3	C	Q-3	B
Q-4	B	Q-4	C	Q-4	B	Q-4	B
Q-5B	C	Q-5	C	Q-5	B	Q-5	A
Q-6	B	Q-6	B	Q-6	B	Q-6	A

Results:

Enhancement Potential	Wetland has moderate potential for enhancement
Education	Wetland site is not appropriate for educational use
Recreation	Wetland is not appropriate or does not provide rec. opportunities
Aesthetic Quality	Wetland is considered to be pleasing

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Result:	Wetland provides habitat for some wildlife species		
Rationale:	One Cowardin class with > 5 species	No adjacent Water Quality limited streams	
	Herbaceous vegetation, no ponding	Adjacent land use is primarily agriculture	
	Less than 0.5 acres of open water	Wetland buffer is less than 10%	
Result:	Fish habitat was not assessed for this wetland		
Rationale:			
Result:	Wetland's water-quality function is impacted or degraded		
Rationale:	Primary water source is precipitation	Surface water connection to other wetlands	
	Can't determine if wetland floods or ponds	Adjacent land use is primarily agriculture	
	Low vegetation cover	No adjacent Water Quality Limited streams	
Result:	Wetland's hydrologic control is impacted or degraded		
Rationale:	Wetland is not within 100 year floodplain	Herbaceous vegetation, no ponding	
	Can't determine if wetland floods or ponds	Agriculture downslope of wetland	
	Water has unrestricted flow out of wetland	Development upslope of wetland	
Result:	Wetland is potentially sensitive to future impacts		
Rationale:	Stream modified or isolated wetland	Adjacent land use is primarily agriculture	
	Water not taken out	Adjacent zoning is primarily development	
	No adjacent Water Quality Limited streams	Herbaceous vegetation, no ponding	
Result:	Wetland has moderate potential for enhancement		
Rationale:	Wetland functions are impacted or degraded	Wetland is between 0.5 and 5 acres	
	Primary water source is precipitation	Wetland buffer is less than 10%	
	Water flow is permanently restricted	Potentially sensitive to future impacts	
Result:	Wetland site is not appropriate for educational use		
Rationale:	No access allowed to wetland	No access point to wetland exists	
	1 or 2 visible safety hazards	Wetland is not limited mobility accessible	
	No access or observation of other habitats		
Result:	Wetland is not appropriate or does not provide rec. opportunities		
Rationale:	No access point to wetland exists	Wetland provides habitat for some wildlife	
	No boat launching can be developed	No fishing is allowed	
	No trails or viewing areas exist	No hunting is allowed	
Result:	Wetland is considered to be pleasing		
Rationale:	One Cowardin class is visible	Wetland surrounded by landscaped areas	
	>50% of wetland can be seen	Natural odors present at wetland	
	Visual detractors present, can be removed	Some traffic and natural noises are present	

Locally Significant Wetlands Criteria

ORS 197.279 (3)(b)



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Exclusions : This wetland cannot be designated as significant if the answer to any of the criteria below is "Yes".

1 Is this wetland artificially created entirely from upland and		
a. created for the purpose of controlling, storing, or maintaining stormwater	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
b. is used for active surface mining or as a log pond	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
c. is a ditch without a free and open connection to natural waters of the state	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
d. is less than 1 acre and created unintentionally from irrigation or construction	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
e. created for the purpose of wastewater treatment, cranberry production, farm watering, sediment settling, cooling industrial water, or a golf hazard	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
2 Is the wetland or portion of the wetland contaminated by hazardous substances, materials or wastes as per the conditions of ORS 141-86-350 1(b)	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Exclusion criteria satisfied?		No

Mandatory Locally Significant Wetland Criteria : This wetland is locally significant if "Yes" is the answer to any of the criteria below.

1 Does the wetland provide <i>diverse wildlife habitat</i> ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
2 Is the wetland's <i>fish habitat function intact</i> ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
3 Is the wetland's <i>water quality function intact</i> ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
4 Is the wetland's <i>hydrologic control function intact</i> ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
5 Is the wetland less than 1/4 mile from a water body listed by DEQ as a water quality limited water body (303(d) list) <u>and</u> is the wetland's <i>water quality function intact, or impacted or degraded</i> ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
6 Does the wetland contain a rare plant community?	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
7 Is the wetland inhabited by any species listed federally as threatened or endangered, or state listed as sensitive, threatened or endangered?	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
8 Does the wetland have a direct surface water connection to a stream segment mapped by ODFW as habitat for indigenous anadromous salmonids <u>and</u> is the wetland's <i>fish habitat function intact, or impacted or degraded</i> ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Mandatory Locally Significant Wetland criteria satisfied ?		No

Optional Locally Significant Wetland Criteria : local governments may identify a wetland as significant if "Yes" is the answer to the criteria below

1 Does the wetland represent a locally unique native plant community <u>and</u> provides <i>diverse wildlife habitat or habitat for some species</i> <u>or</u> has a <i>intact, or impacted or degraded fish habitat function</i> <u>or</u> has a <i>intact, or impacted or degraded water quality function</i> <u>or</u> has a <i>intact, or impacted or degraded hydrologic control function</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
2 Is the wetland publicly owned and used by a school or organization <u>and</u> does the wetland provide <i>educational uses</i> ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Optional Locally Significant Wetland criteria satisfied ?		No

Does not satisfy the criteria, Not a Locally Significant Wetland

Wetland Characterization Sheet



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		Wetland Code:	WC-SQU-W-9
Date(s) of field work:	10/1/2002	Size (acres):	2.22
Data Sheet Numbers:	OFF-SITE	Cowardin Class(es):	PEMf
Investigator(s):	PF / CR	HGM Class(es):	S/F

Location -- Legal:	T. 12S, R. 5W, S. 4, 5
Other:	West of 53rd, north of West Hills Road, south of RR tracks
Tax Lots:	See accompanying table
Hydrologic basin:	Squaw Creek
Soil -- Mapped series:	Woodburn silt loam, 0-3% slopes
Hydrologic Source:	Precipitation

Dominant Wetland Vegetation			
TREES / SHRUBS		VINES / HERBS	
		<i>Agrostis tenuis</i>	Colonial Bentgrass
		<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	Common Velvet Grass
		<i>Alopecurus pratensis</i>	Meadow Foxtail

Comments:
OFF-SITE. Small emergent farmed wetland along edge of 53rd. Disturbed. May have been recently delineated. Isolated with no apparent connection to other wetlands. Zoned residential. Currently open agriculture field.

Adjacent Upland species: *Festuca arundinacea*

COWARDIN CODES:	E2FO = estuarine forested	PEMf = palustrine emergent farmed	E2EM = estuarine emergent
PFO = palustrine forested	PSS = palustrine scrub-shrub	PEM = palustrine emergent	POW = palustrine open water
HGM CODES:	EFB = Estuarine Fringe Embayment	EFR = Estuarine Fringe Riverine	RFT = Riverine Flow Through
RI = River Impounding	LFH = Lacustrine Fringe Headwater	LFV = Lacustrine Fringe Valley	DB = Depressional Bog
DA- Depressional Alkaline	DO = Depressional Outflow	DCP = Depressional Closed Permanent	DCNP = Depressional Nonpermanent
	S = Slope	F = Flats	