

WAC 173-700-314 Considerations for determining credit conversion rates for wetland reestablishment, creation, rehabilitation, and enhancement. Unless an alternative credit determination method is used under WAC 173-700-321, the department shall use the following considerations to determine specific conversion rates for wetlands on a bank site:

- (1) The anticipated net gains in wetland functions at the site;
- (2) The degree to which the bank restores ecological processes previously altered by human activity in a watershed, based on predicted success and sustainability of process restoration;
- (3) The degree to which the bank is expected to successfully restore or maintain the appropriate HGM class of wetland for the landscape setting;
- (4) The degree to which the bank incorporates a watershed-based approach for site location and design;
- (5) The rarity of the predicted wetlands and habitats at the site, based on rarity at state and/or local level;
- (6) The site's contribution to the protection, recovery, or both, of state or federally listed threatened or endangered species, protection of state priority species and habitats, and locally significant habitats;
- (7) The degree of connectivity to other habitats and open space areas, based on existing connectivity and level of protection for connected areas; and
- (8) Public access and education opportunities, where appropriate, as determined by the department.

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