

Benton County Riparian and Wetlands Program Options under Statewide Planning Goals

Process	Planning Goal 5 Option	Planning Goal 6 Option	Planning Goal 5+6 Option
<p>Step 1: Goal 5 Standard Inventory process. Map and document the location, quality and quantity of the resources (streams, riparian corridors and associated wetlands). Determine which resources are significant. Establish an impact area around each resource. Identify land uses that conflict with protection of the resource.</p> <p>Step 2: Two options</p> <p>5A: Goal 5 Standard Process/ESEE Analysis. Analyze the environmental, social, economic and energy (ESEE) consequences of allowing, limiting or prohibiting the identified conflicting uses within the impact area of significant resources. Based on the results of the ESEE Analysis, develop a program to appropriately protect the resources.</p> <p><i>or,</i></p> <p>5B: Adopt Goal 5 Safe Harbor protection program, which specifies the uses that shall be prohibited or allowed within the impact area around each significant resource.</p>	<p>Identify impacts to water resource quality. Focus on the carrying capacity of these resources.</p> <p>Develop a program to buffer and separate land uses which create or lead to impacts on water resources. Plan should take into account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tax incentives and disincentives • land use controls • acquisition techniques • enforcement of local health and safety ordinances <p>Develop a program to manage land conservation and development activities in a manner that accurately reflects the community's desire for a quality environment and a healthy economy.</p>	<p>Apply Goal 5 Safe Harbor Inventory plus Goal 6 process to achieve protection of all streams.</p> <p>Step 1: Goal 5 Safe Harbor Inventory. Identify all fish-bearing streams using available data and designate buffers of 50 or 75 feet; these are significant resources. Establish an impact area around each resource. Identify land uses that conflict with protection of the resource.</p> <p>Step 2: Two options</p> <p>Option 5+6A: Goal 5 Standard Process/ESEE Analysis. Analyze the environmental, social, economic and energy consequences of allowing, limiting or prohibiting the identified conflicting uses within the impact area of significant resources. Based on the results of the ESEE Analysis, develop a program to appropriately protect the resources.</p> <p><i>or,</i></p> <p>5+6B: Adopt Goal 5 Safe Harbor protection program, which specifies the uses that shall be prohibited or allowed within the impact area around each significant resource.</p> <p>Step 3: Goal 6 Coverage. Identify impacts to water resource quality not addressed by Goal 5 process, particularly reaches upstream of fish-bearing zone. Follow Option 6 process for these areas/impacts.</p>	<p>A two-tiered protection program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water quality-focused protections that are locally determined, potentially flexible; • Riparian resources-focused protections that are state-determined and rigid.
<p>Outcome</p>	<p>5A: A locally determined, potentially flexible program to protect the locally identified significant resources.</p> <p><i>or,</i></p> <p>5B: A state-determined, rigid program to protect the locally identified significant resources.</p>	<p>A locally determined, potentially flexible program to protect streams, focusing on water quality.</p>	
Summarized Pros and Cons for Each Option Summarized on Reverse Side (TURN OVER)			

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Pros	<p>Covers all streams. Enables protection of the resources Benton County deems significant. Incorporates water quality, fish habitat, wildlife habitat, and other riparian factors. 5A: Protection program fully tailored to Benton County conditions and issues. 5B: Protection program easily drafted.</p>	<p>Potentially covers all streams. Enables protection of the resources Benton County deems most important. Protection program fully tailored to Benton County conditions and issues.</p>	<p>Covers all streams. 5+6A: Enables protection program to be tailored to Benton County conditions and issues. 5+6B: Protection program easily drafted.</p>
Cons	<p>Standard Inventory process is time- and data-intensive. 5A: ESEE Analysis is time- and data-intensive. 5B: Safe Harbor protection program is highly prescribed; allows very little flexibility.</p>	<p>Guidance from state is vague. Unclear if Goal 6 has been used elsewhere in Oregon for this purpose. Focus on solely water quality; no accounting for fish and wildlife habitat, other riparian factors.</p>	<p>Complex process. 5+6A: ESEE Analysis is time- and data-intensive. 5+6B: Safe Harbor protection program is highly prescribed; allows very little flexibility.</p>