



# Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

## Management Plans for OWEB Land Acquisitions

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OWEB requires the development and implementation of management plans for all properties on which OWEB funds are expended for acquisition of fee title or a conservation easement. The management plan must contain an adequate framework for protection, enhancement, and monitoring of an acquisition's conservation values in a manner consistent with the terms of the conservation easement and the commitments made in the grant application.

OWEB partners with a variety of local groups to acquire properties with widely differing habitat types and land management needs, and thus recognizes the need for flexibility in management plan format and content. However, OWEB feels that for a management plan to be effective, it must contain certain minimum elements, described below. The elements may be augmented and organized as grantees feel is necessary to produce a management plan that best addresses the needs of a property.

**1) Conservation Values.** Provide a statement of the property's conservation values, consistent with the grant application, conservation easement, and baseline documentation. For example:

- Acres of priority habitats
- Stream miles
- Priority species

**2) Conservation Easement.** Provide a recitation of the activities permitted and prohibited by the conservation easement.

**3) Desired Future Condition.** Provide a discussion of the property's desired future condition in the form of goal statements. For each goal statement, present the actions necessary to accomplish the goal and indicate a timeline and the partnerships required for each action.

OWEB expects management plans to be detailed, but recognizes that it is not always feasible to include complete information for all planned restoration projects. For example, designs for a stream re-meandering project might not be fully developed by the time a management plan is due to OWEB. In this instance, the management plan should include as detailed a description of the project as possible and a map depicting the stream reach that will be re-meandered. See #7 below for information about required maps.

**Grantees are required to consult with OWEB before undertaking large restoration efforts and projects for which full details are not included in the management plan.**

**4) Monitoring, Maintenance, and Adaptive Management.** Provide a discussion of the monitoring, maintenance, and adaptive management necessary to ensure that actions described in #3 above are successful. At a minimum, the information must include:

- Explanation of what will be monitored and maintained
- Frequency and duration of monitoring and maintenance
- Monitoring protocols to be used
- Maintenance actions to be taken
- Partners to be involved
- Process by which management activities will be altered as needed to ensure success

**5) Educational Activities.** Provide a statement of the educational activities planned for the property. At a minimum, the information must include a discussion of why, when, how often, and the partners involved.

**6) Plan Updates.** Provide a brief statement of the process and schedule for management plan updates.

**7) Maps.** Following are maps that must be included in the management plan:

- Location map that places the property in basin-scale context and shows the property's location relative to the nearest town
- Habitat map that consists of an aerial photo with priority ecological systems and plant communities depicted
  - Example: A 150-acre property contains 125 acres of oak savanna and a five-acre Kincaid's lupine population. The habitat map should depict the boundaries of the oak savanna and the Kincaid's lupine population.
- Restoration map that consists of an aerial photo that depicts desired future conditions and identifies where proposed restoration activities will occur
  - Example: A 150-acre property contains 100 acres of former wet prairie and one-half mile of stream. Part of the stream is channelized and lacking riparian vegetation. The restoration map should depict the area that will be restored to wet prairie, the area that will be restored to riparian forest, the portion of the stream channel that will be re-meandered, and locations at which large wood will be installed in the stream.
- Monitoring map that consists of an aerial photo that identifies locations such as photo points, in-stream monitoring reaches, and vegetation monitoring transects
- If applicable, a property infrastructure map that consists of an aerial photo with labeled features such as roads, trails, stream crossings, and existing structures
- If applicable, an allowed-use map that consists of an aerial photo with areas such as agricultural zones and building sites depicted