

# NJ WILDLIFE HABITAT EVALUATION WORKSHEET

## RIPARIAN CORRIDOR

Client \_\_\_\_\_ Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_ Field No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Evaluated by \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_

<u>RIPARIAN CORRIDOR HABITAT INDEX</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>BENCHMARK</u>	<u>PLANNED</u>
Fragmentation (from woody or perennially vegetated riparian area )			
Contiguous riparian buffer > 50 feet wide	25		
Less than ¼ mile from > 50 foot wide buffer	15		
¼ - ½ mile distance from >50 foot wide buffer	10		
More than ½ mile from buffer riparian areas	1		
None present	0	_____	_____
Plant composition in the riparian buffer (min. 35 feet wide)			
Predominantly native herbaceous plants, trees and/or shrubs	25		
Combination of native and non-native herbs, trees and/or shrubs	10		
Predominantly row crops, other annual plants, or bare ground	1	_____	_____
Management of the riparian buffer (within 100 feet of streambank)			
Generally undisturbed by humans or domestic animals	25		
Not mowed/disturbed April 1 to July 15	15		
Mowed/disturbed occasionally between April 1 and July 15 (livestock has controlled access)	10		
Mowed/disturbed frequently between April 1 and July 15, <u>or</u> no permanently vegetated buffer (livestock not excluded from riparian area)	1	_____	_____
Buffer width			
300 feet wide, or more	25		
100-299 feet wide	15		
35-99 feet wide	10		
<35 feet wide, <u>or</u> no permanently vegetated buffer	1	_____	_____
(A) Total Riparian Corridor Habitat Points (100 maximum)		_____	_____
(B) Total increase in points (Planned minus Benchmark)			_____