

COASTAL & LOWLAND: Urban *Upstream of* Rural Residential and Forested

Common Problems for this WMU scenario:

- Development in the upper watershed results in loss of forest cover and increased overland flow and peak flows in streams
- Stream hydrology is flashy with increased peak flows, rapid increases and decreases in flow rate, and reduced base flows
- Channels tend to widen and incise through bank erosion and bed scour

Understanding implications of watershed integrity:

Water flow processes are not intact in upper watershed, and are marginal in the lower watershed. Restoration of aquatic habitat will have a lower likelihood of success unless process degradation is addressed.

General Management Recommendations

Upper and Mid Watershed (Yellow AUs prioritized for Restoration)

- Manage stormwater using LID measures to reduce surface discharge
- Restore/protect remaining wetlands
- Cluster new development, minimize impervious cover, increase forested cover especially along riparian corridors

Lower Watershed (Light green prioritized for Protection)

- Protect forested riparian zone
- Cluster new development, minimize impervious cover, increase forested cover especially along riparian corridors

Woodard Creek (WRIA 13)



