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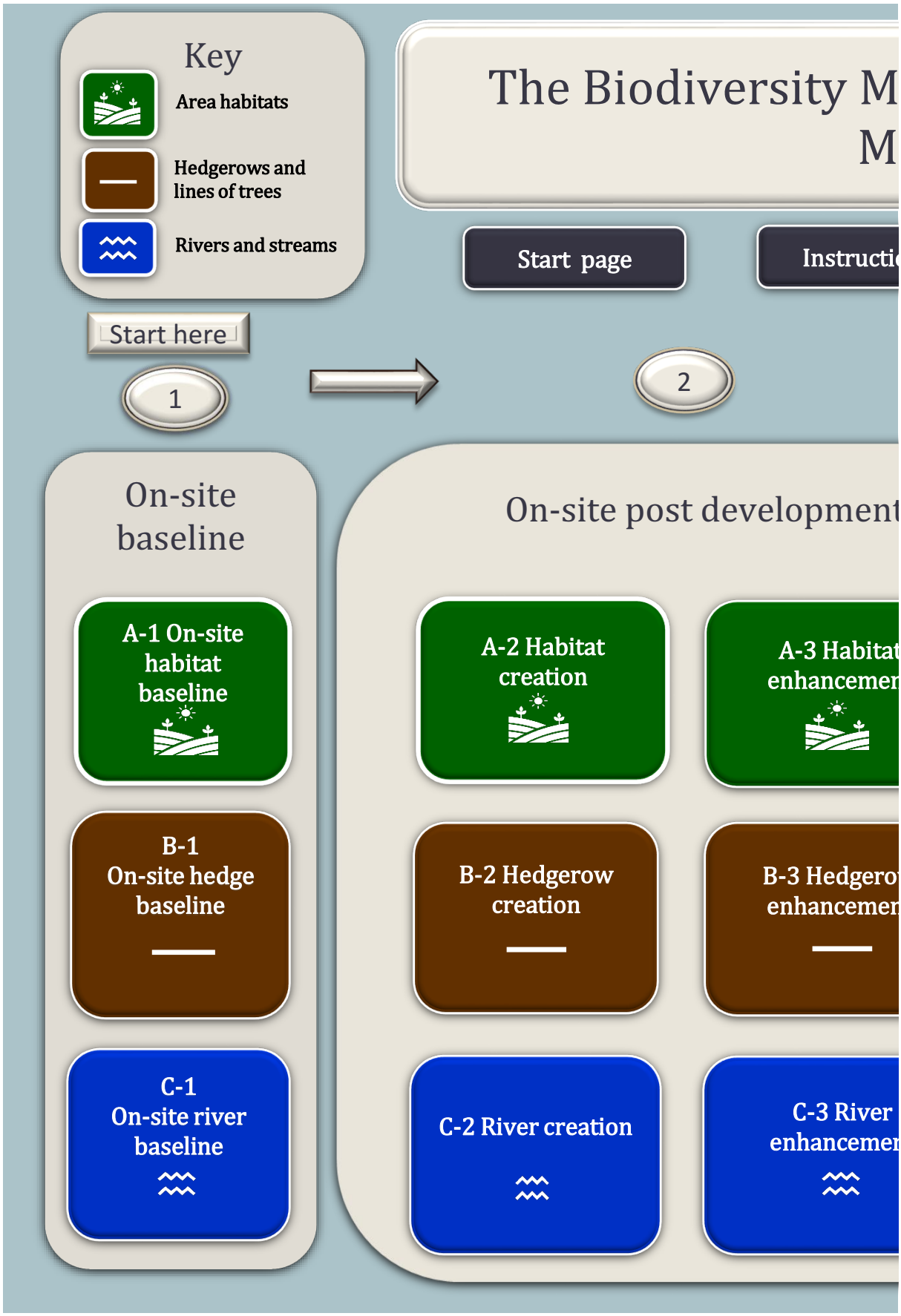
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On-site baseline	*Habitat units*
	Hedgerow units
	River units
On-site post-intervention (Including habitat retention, creation & enhancement)	*Habitat units*
	Hedgerow units
	River units
On-site net % change (Including habitat retention, creation & enhancement)	*Habitat units*
	Hedgerow units
	River units
Off-site baseline	*Habitat units*
	Hedgerow units
	River units
Off-site post-intervention (Including habitat retention, creation & enhancement)	*Habitat units*
	Hedgerow units
	River units

Total net unit change (including all on-site & off-site habitat retention, creation & enhancement)	*Habitat units* *Hedgerow units* *River units*
Total on-site net % change plus off-site surplus (including all on-site & off-site habitat retention, creation & enhancement)	*Habitat units* *Hedgerow units* *River units*
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Total project biodiversity
(including all On-site & Off-site Habitat Creation

Combined

Total on-site and off-site baseline area / length
Total on-site and off-site baseline units

Total on-site and off-site baseline area / length retained
Total on-site and off-site baseline units retained

Area / length proposed for enhancement
Baseline units proposed for enhancement

Total on-site and off-site baseline area / length lost
Total on-site and off-site baseline units lost

Area habitats

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Area Habitats	
	Habitat group
	Cropland
	Grassland
	Heathland and shrub
	Lakes
	Sparsely vegetated land
	Urban
	Wetland
	Woodland and forest
	Intertidal sediment
	Coastal saltmarsh
	Rocky shore
	Coastal lagoons
	Intertidal Hard Structures
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Hedgerows and Lines of Trees

Hedgerows and lines of tree

On site

Hedgerow type
Native Species Rich Hedgerow with trees - Associated with bank or ditch
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Rivers and Streams

Rivers and Streams

On sit

River type
Priority Habitat
Other Rivers and Streams
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Combined on a

Rivers and Streams	
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tention/creation)

Habitat units
Hedgerow units
River units

% change
+ Retained Habitats)

Habitat units
Hedgerow units
River units

habitat retention and enhancement

	Habitats	Hedgerows
	2.38	0.00
	3.02	0.00
	0.10	0.00
	0.40	0.00
	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00
	2.28	0.00
	2.62	0.00

ange by broad habitat type

Baseline		Post development on site		Onsit
Existing area	Existing value	Proposed area	Proposed value	Area change
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.10	0.35	0.10
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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ange by broad habitat type

Baseline		Post development Off-site		Off-sit
Existing area	Off-site Existing value	Off-site proposed area	Off site Proposed value	Off-site area change
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l off site change by broad habitat type

Baseline	On-site and Off-site post development	Combi

Existing area	Existing value	Combined proposed area	Combined proposed value	Proposed area
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.10	0.35	0.10
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change by hedgerow type

Baseline		Post development on site		Onsit
Existing length on-site	Existing value	Proposed length on-site	Proposed value on-site	On-site length change
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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change by hedgerow type

Off site baseline		Post development off site		Off sit
Existing length off-site	Existing value off-site	Proposed length off-site	Proposed value off-site	Off-site length change
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l off site change by hedgerow type

Baseline		Post development on site		Onsit
Existing length	Existing value	Proposed length	Proposed value	length change
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te change by river type

Baseline		Post development on site		Onsit
Existing length	Existing value	Proposed length	Proposed value	length change
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Baseline		Post development off-site		Off-sit
Existing length off-site	Existing value off-site	Proposed length off-site	Proposed value off-site	Off-site length change
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Baseline		Post development on site		Onsit
Existing length	Existing value	Proposed length	Proposed value	length change
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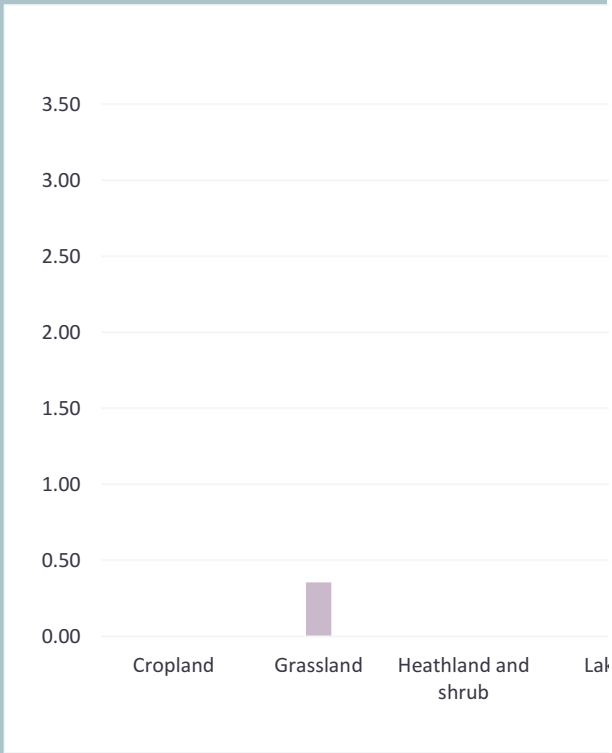
High	0
Medium	**0.6**
Low	**0.112**
V.Low	**1.568**



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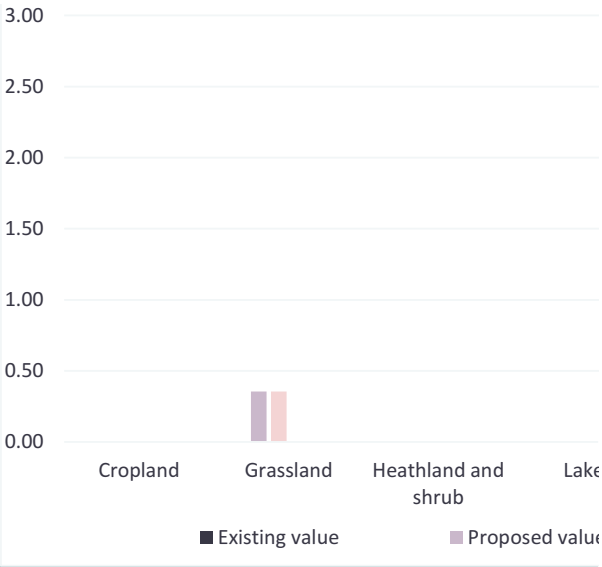

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Medium	0
Low	0
V.Low	0

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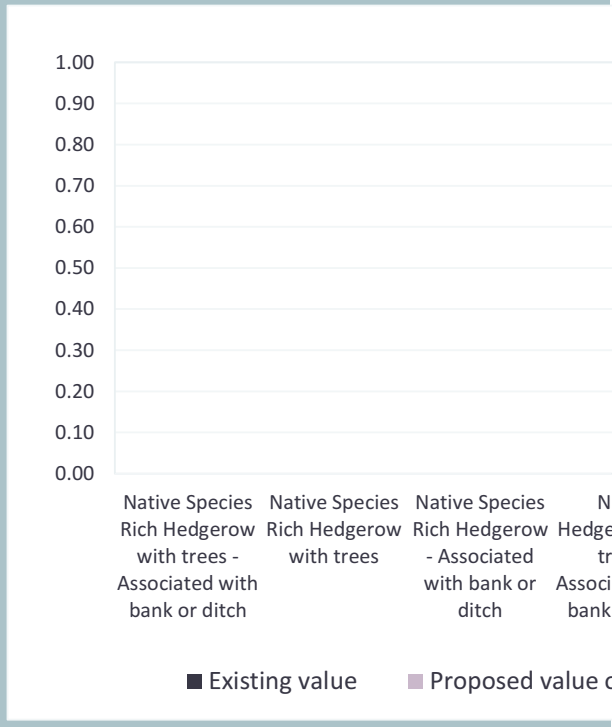

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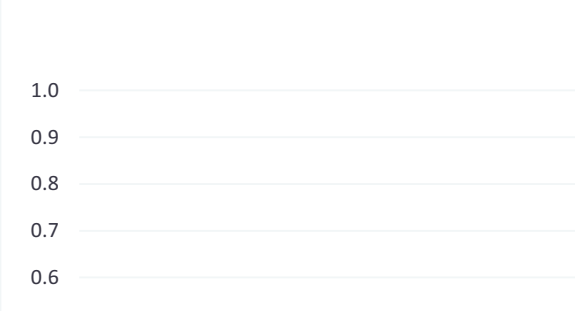

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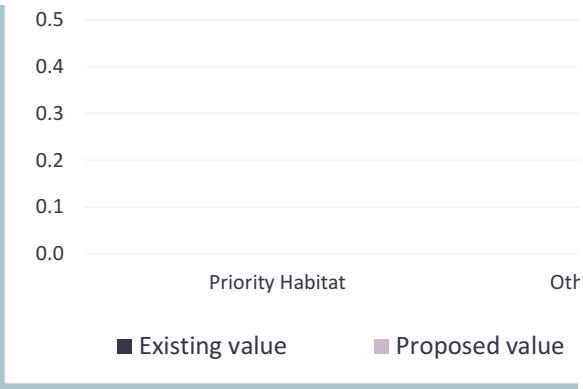

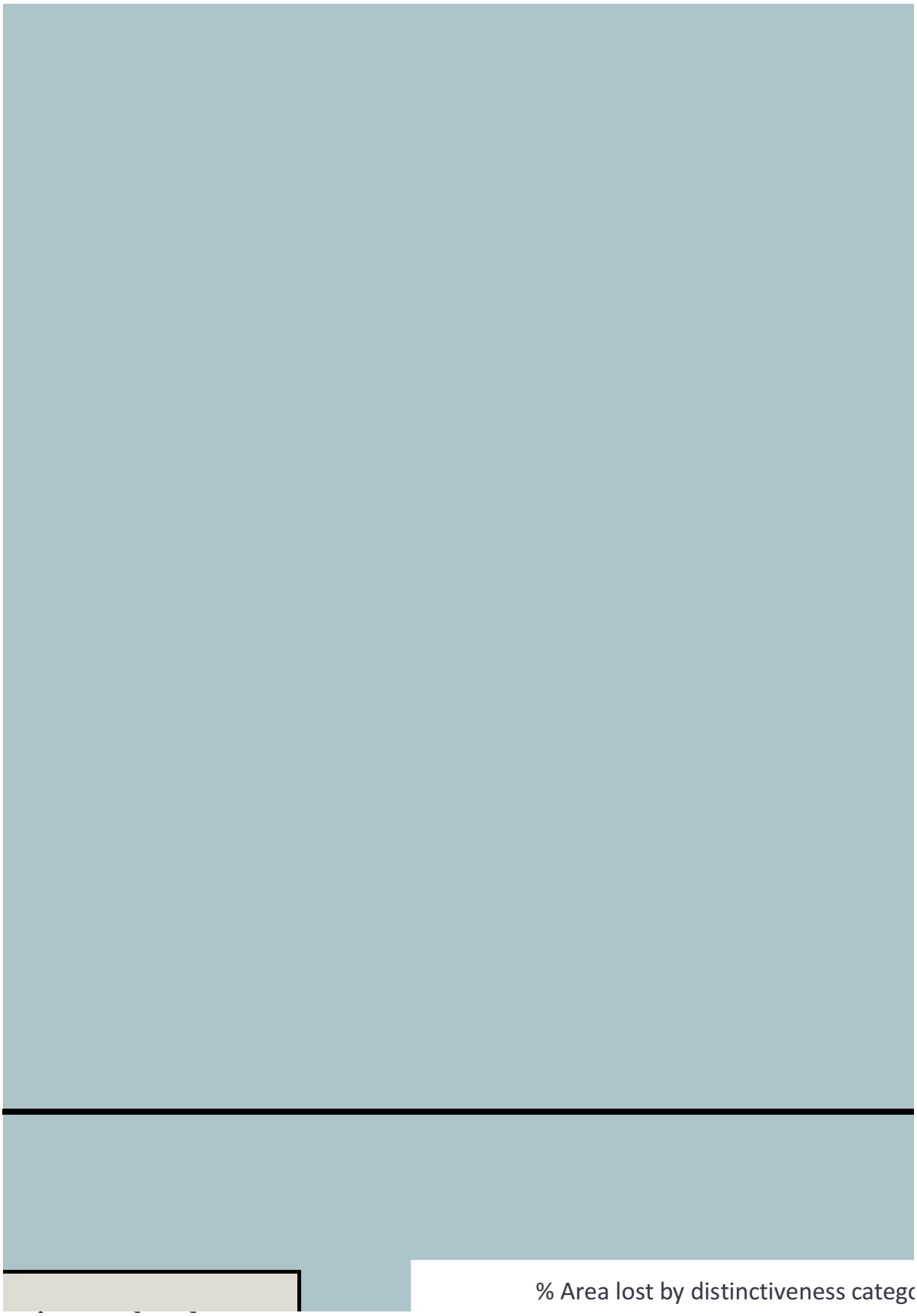
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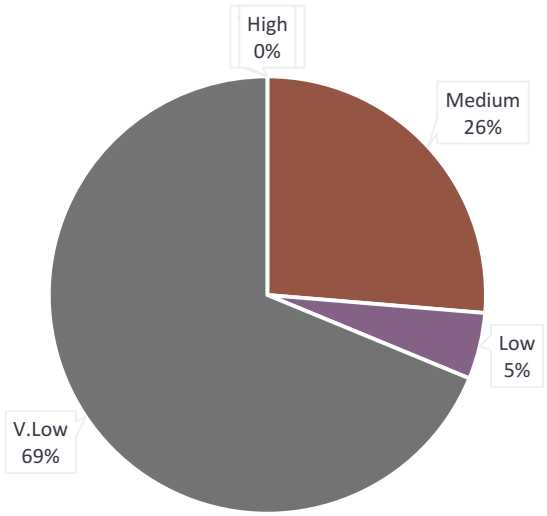

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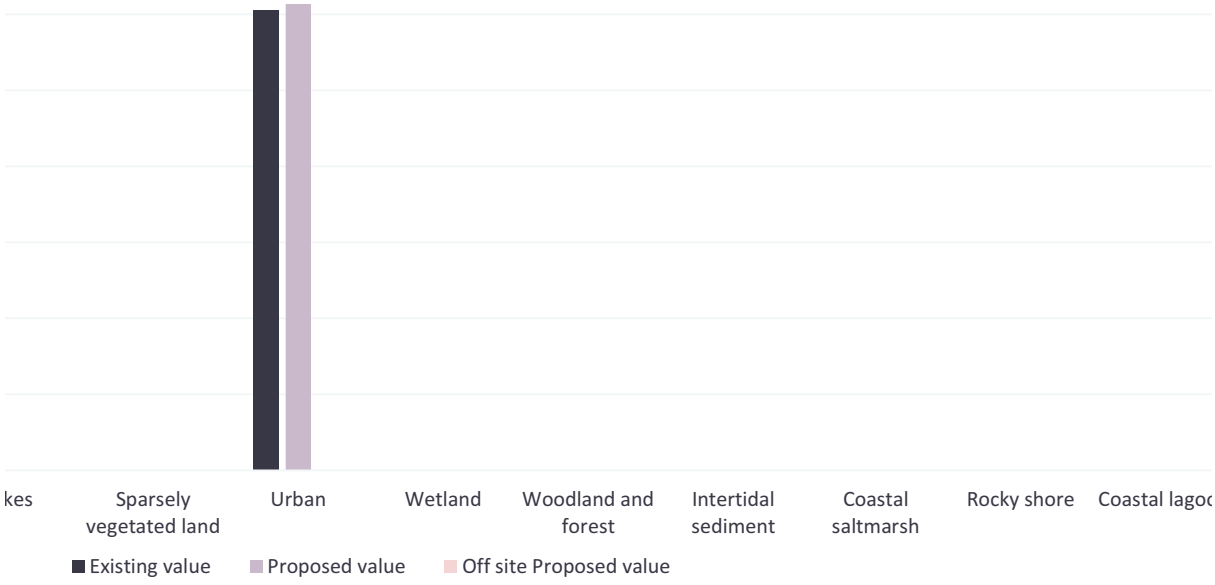

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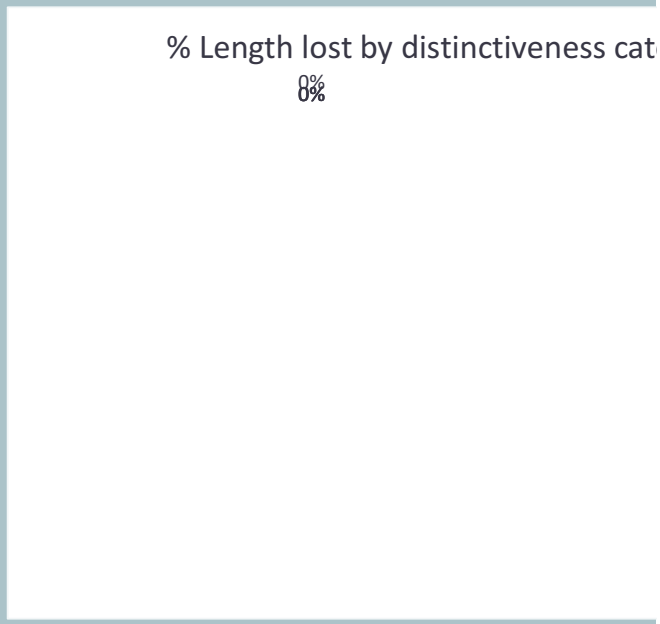

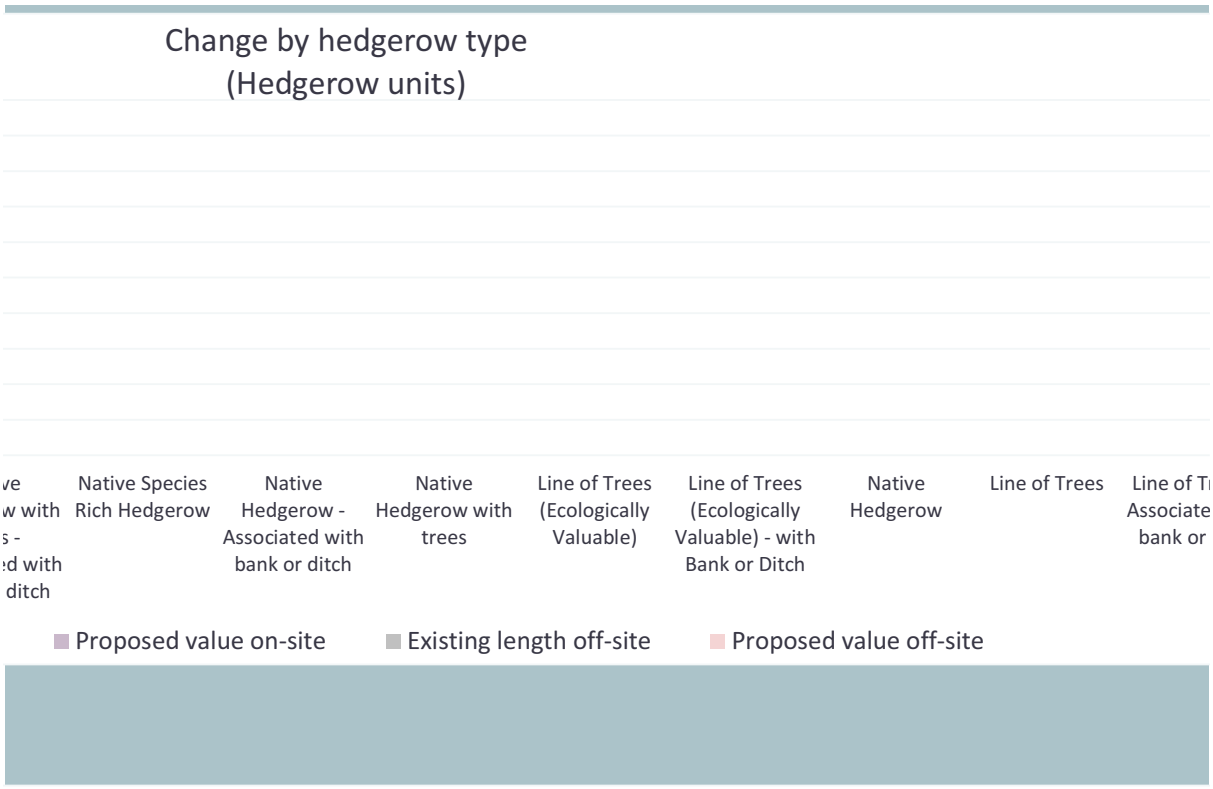
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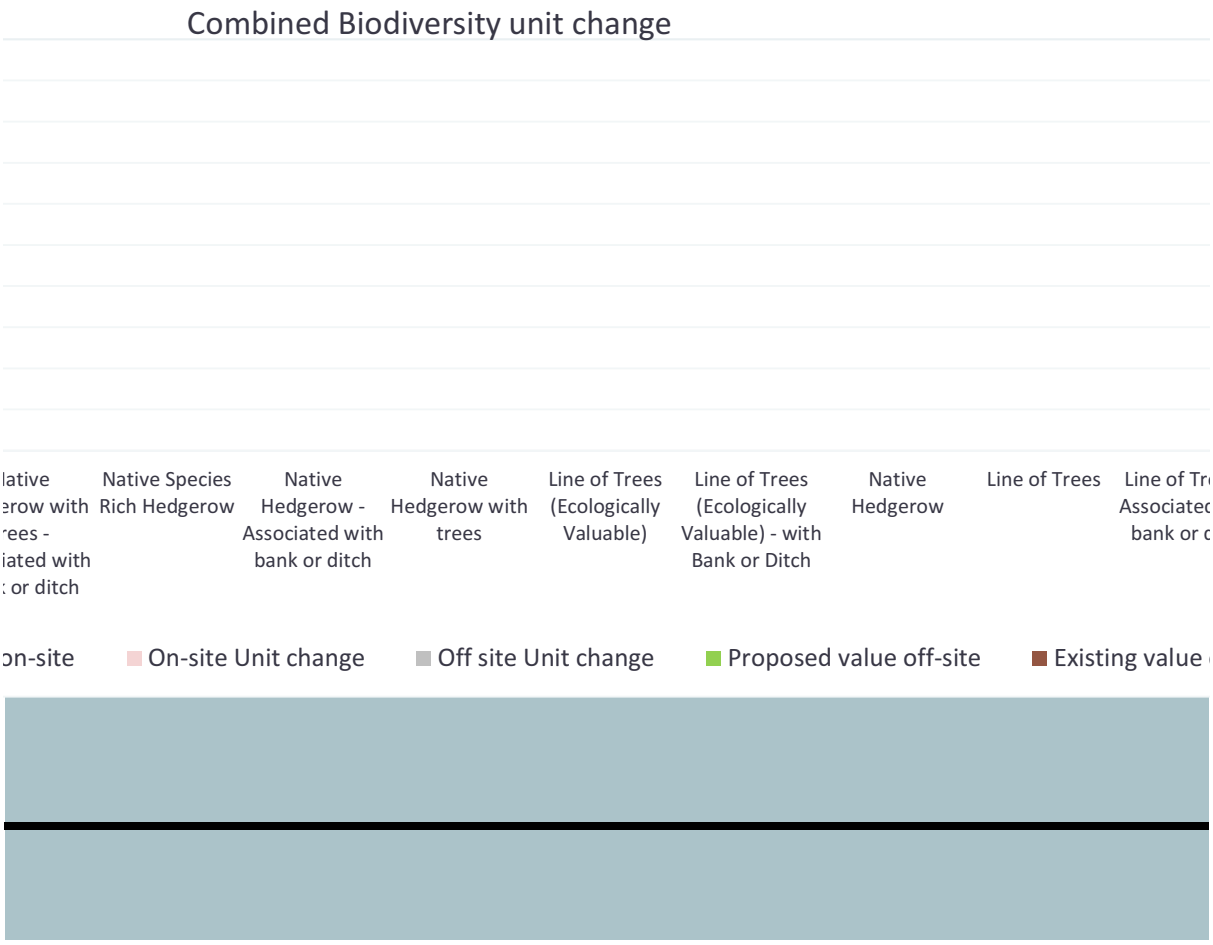
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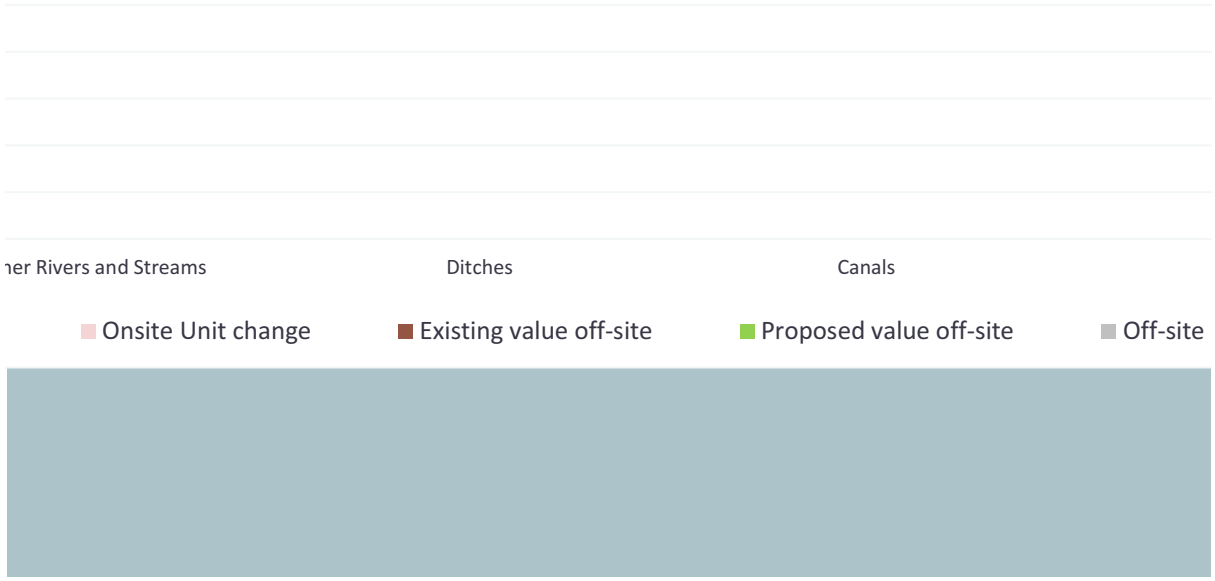
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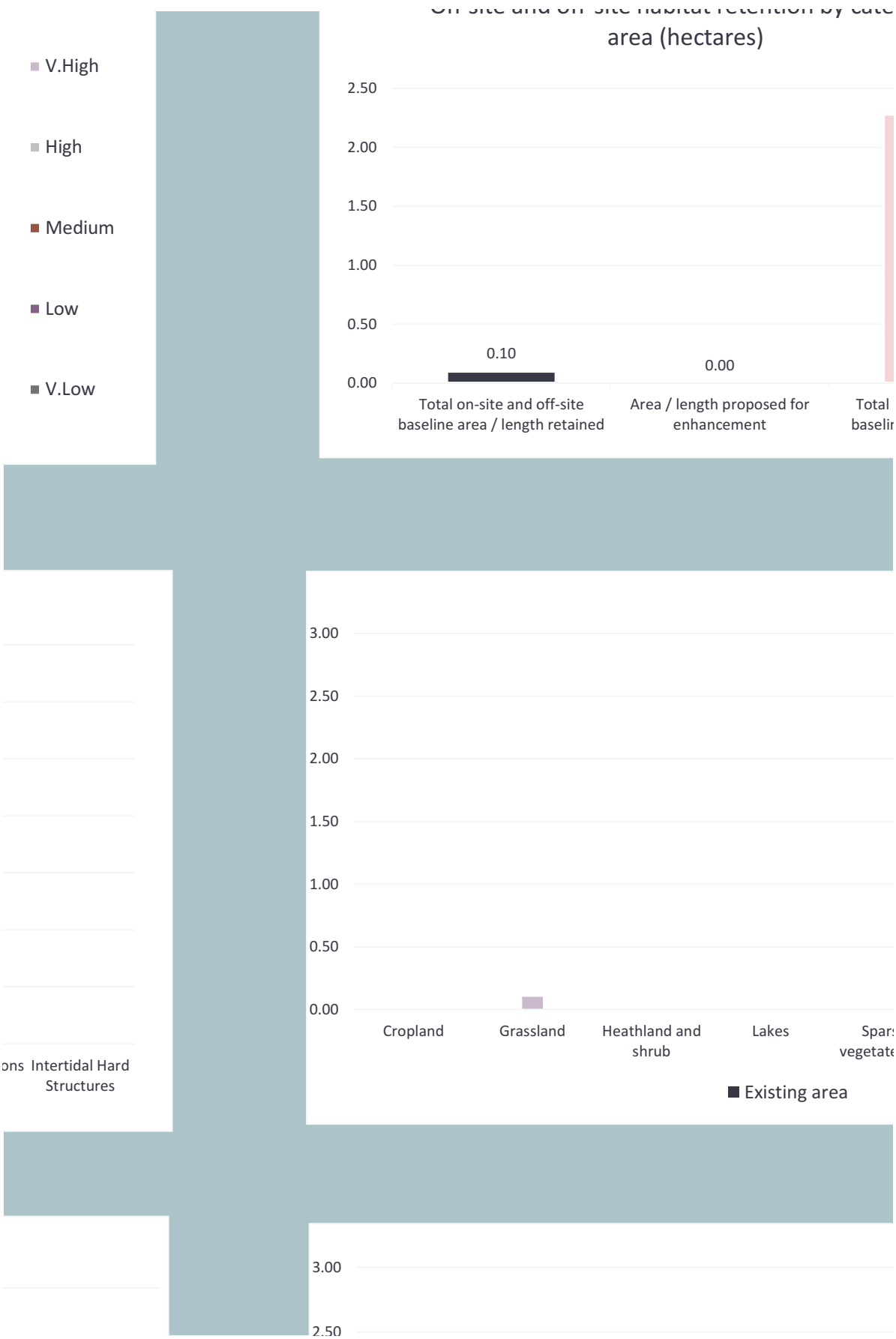
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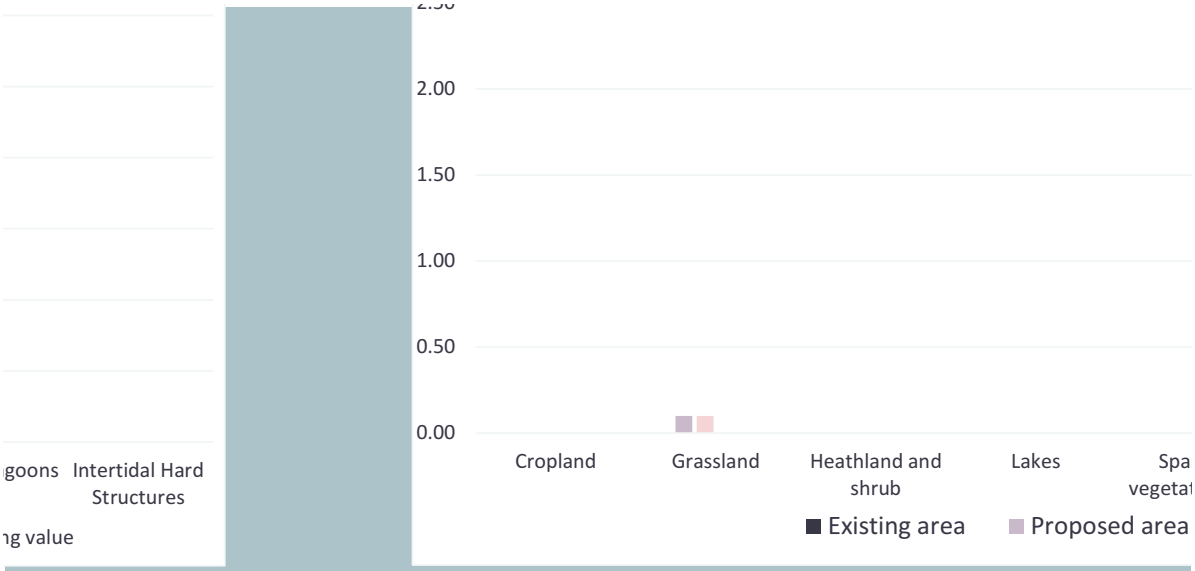
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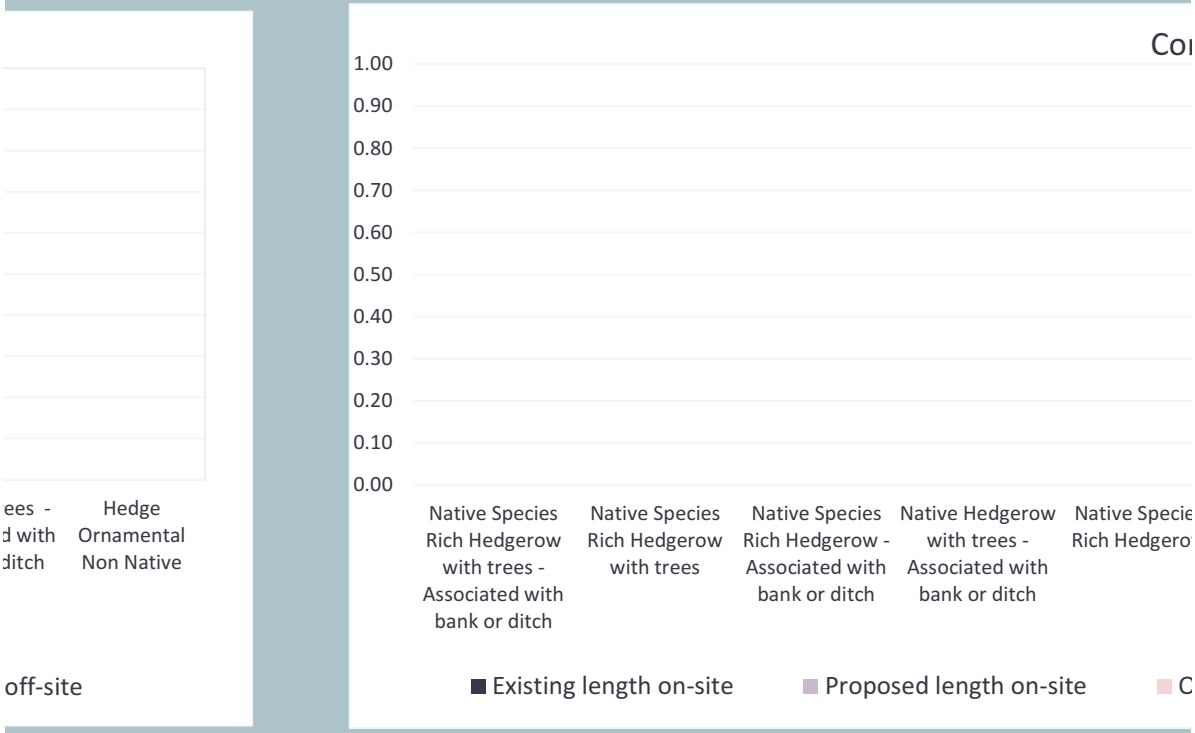
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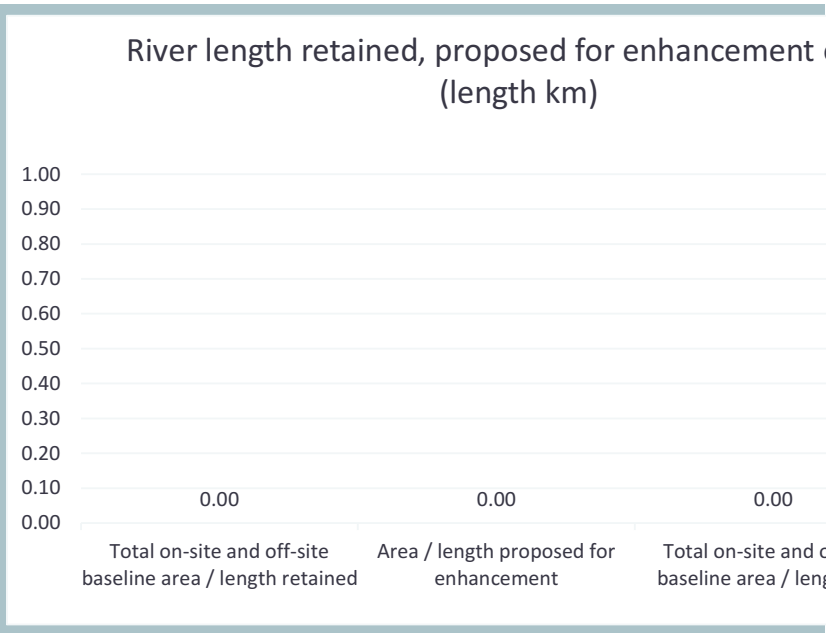

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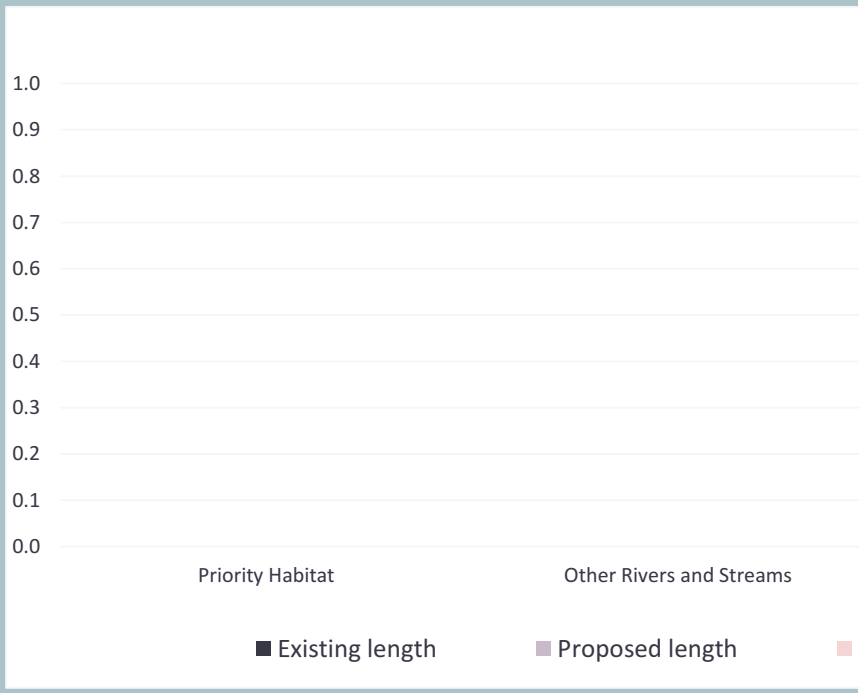

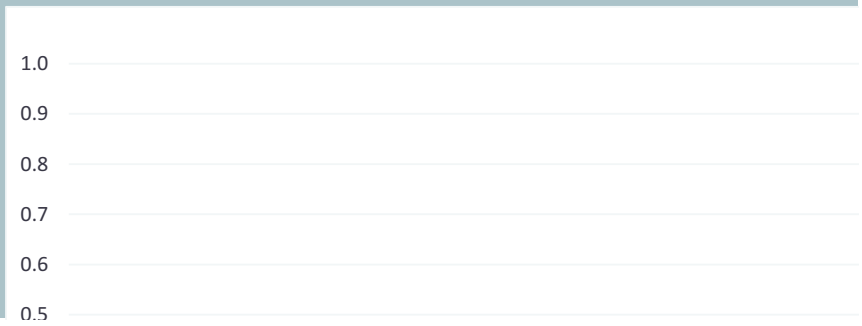

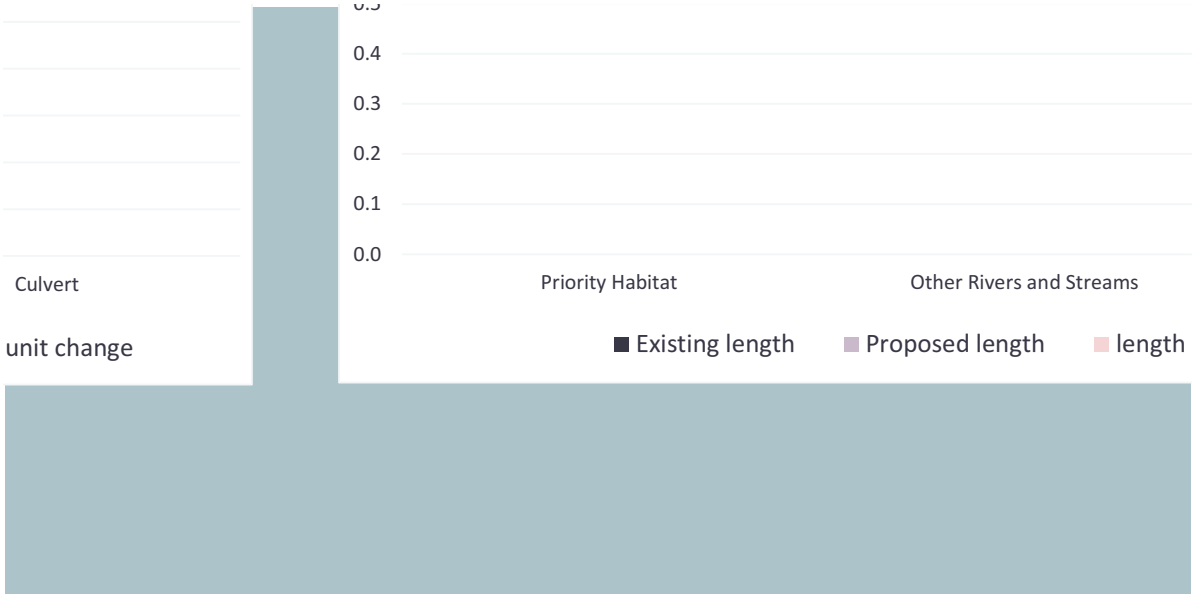
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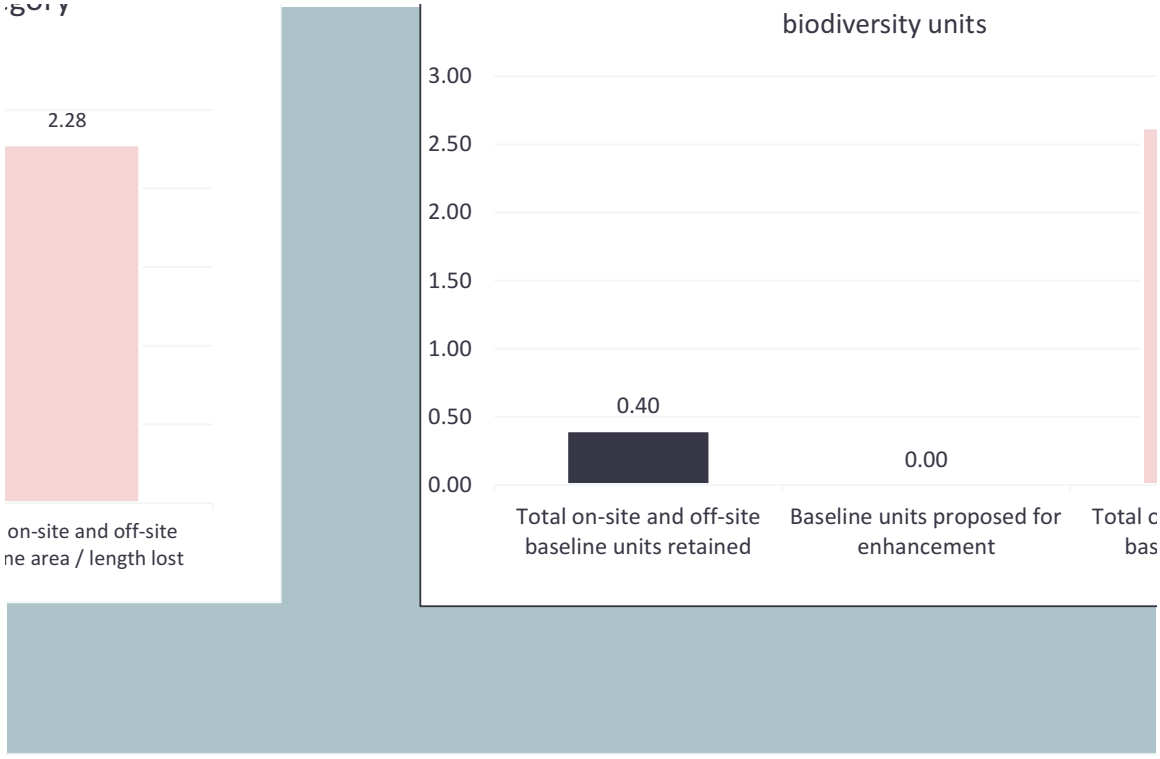

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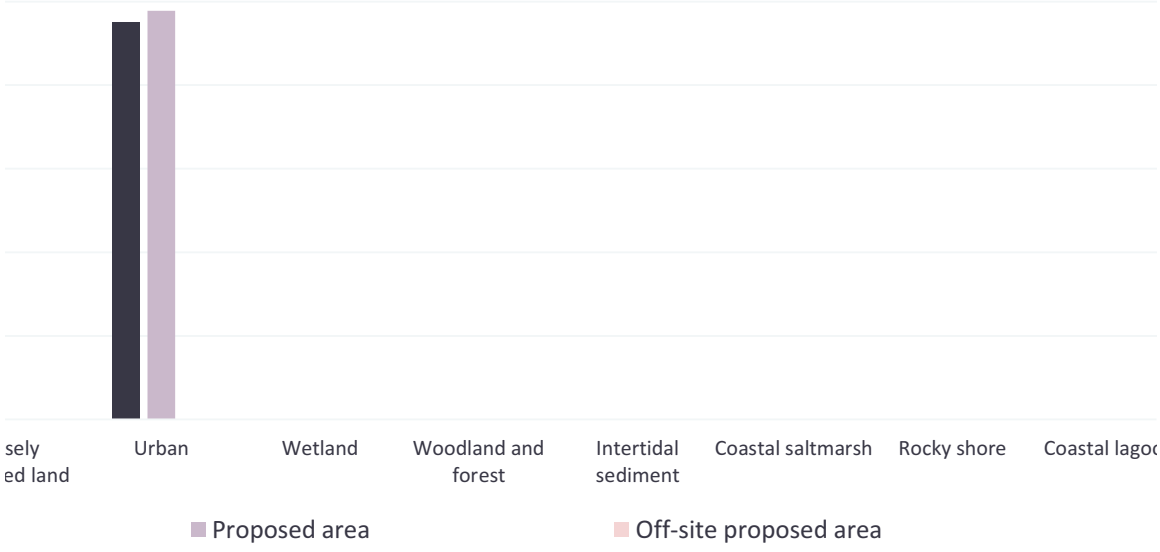

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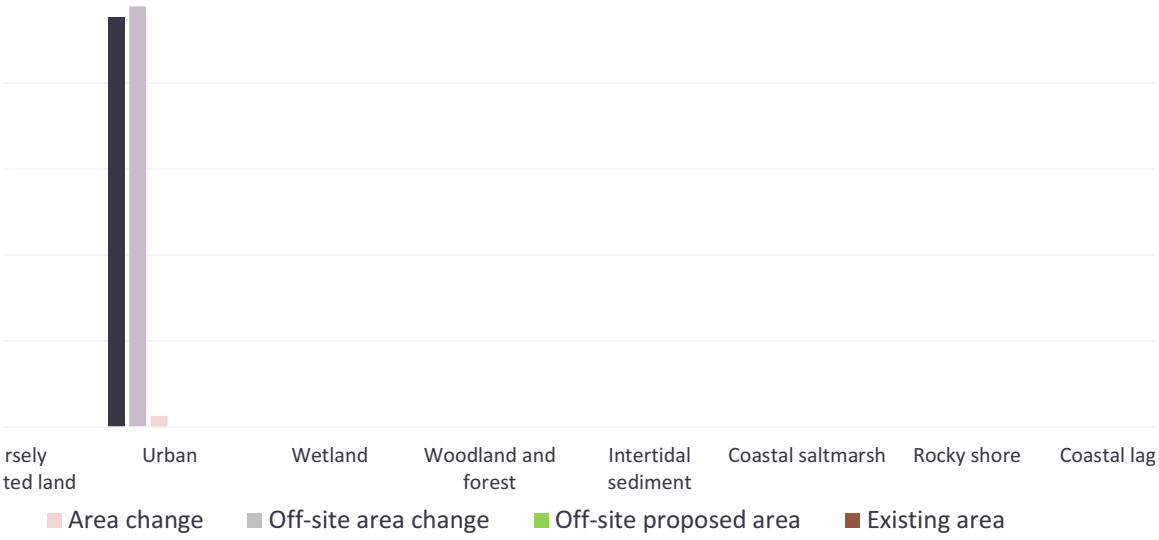
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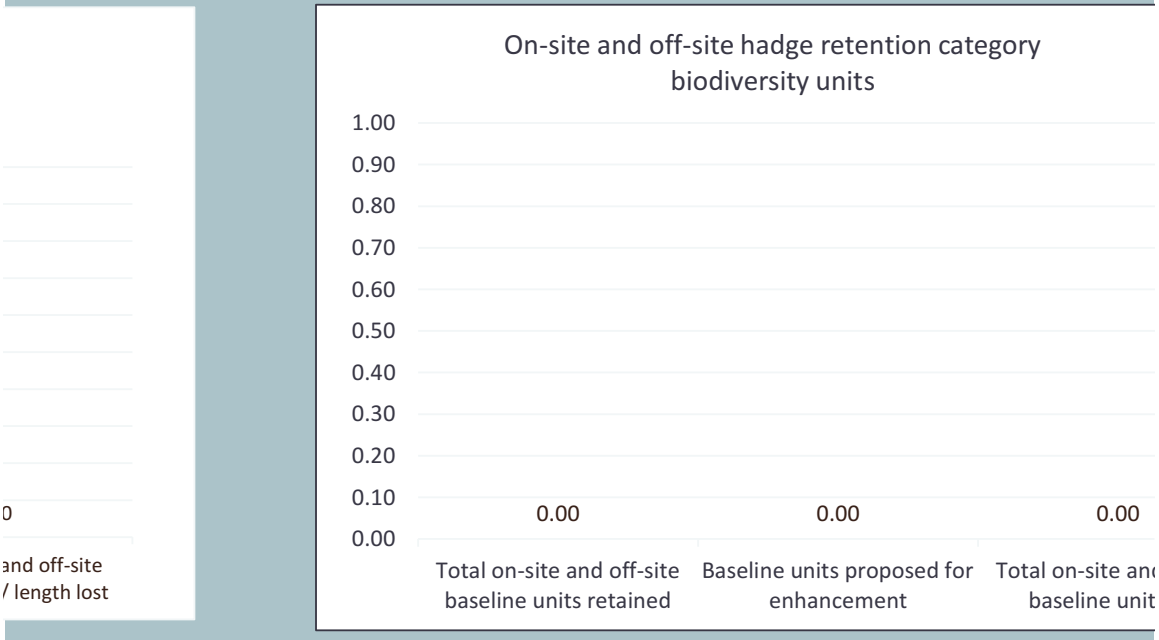
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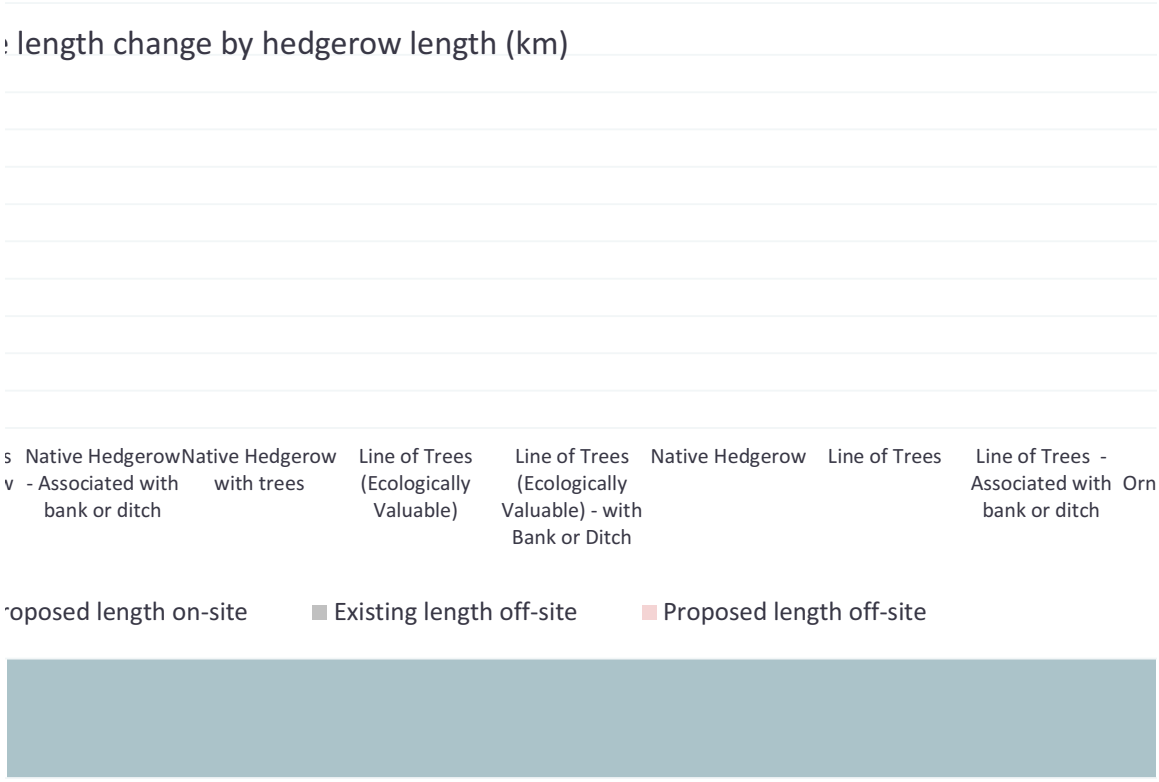
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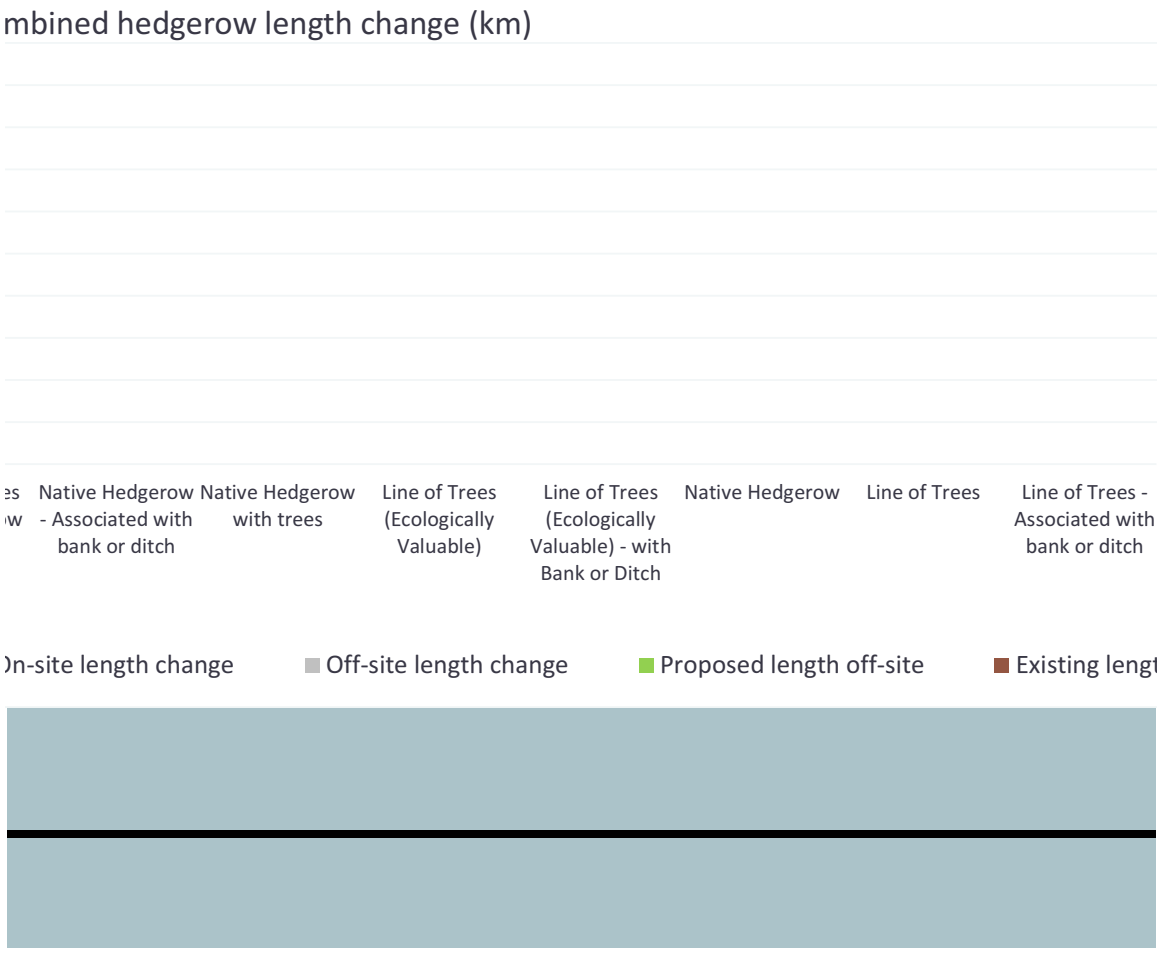
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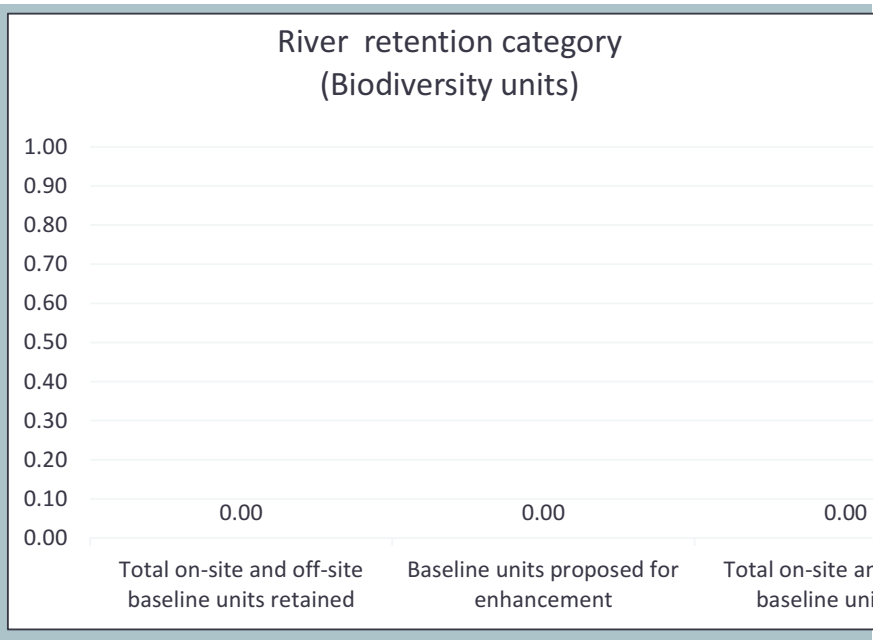

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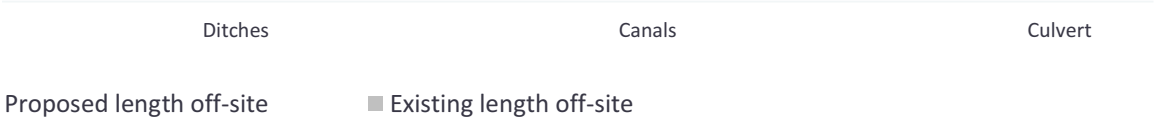

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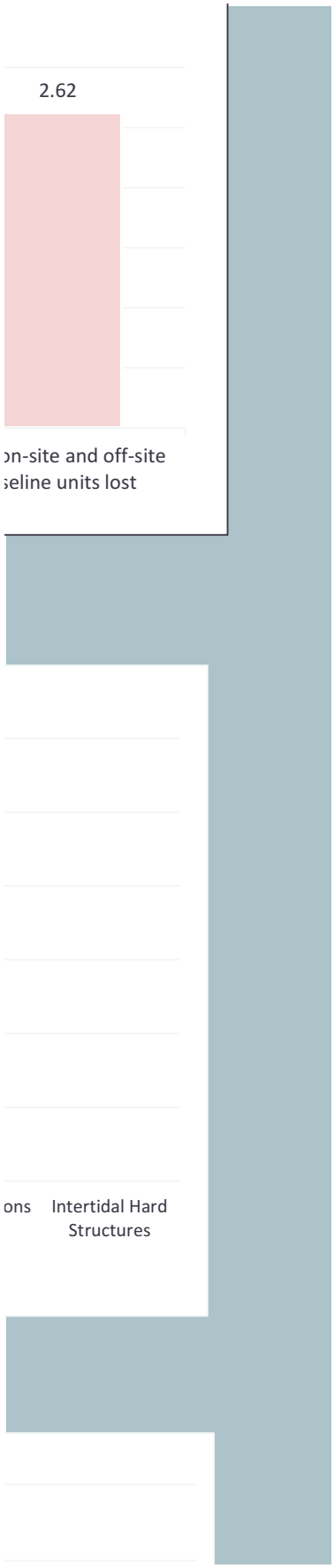
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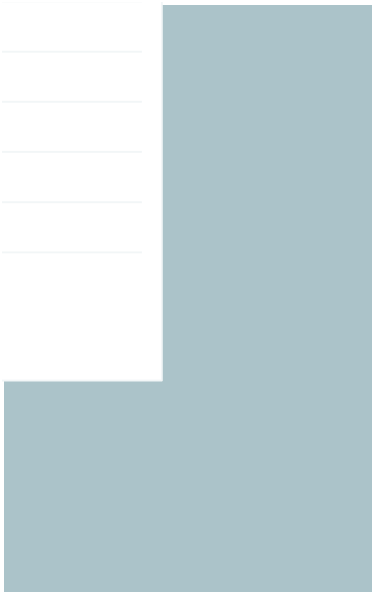

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Haven Banks Retail Park

A-1 Site Habitat Baseline

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Condense / Show Rows

Instructions

Habitats and areas

Habitat Type	Area (hectares)
Developed land; sealed surface	1.568
Introduced shrub	0.112
Urban Tree	0.7

Total habitat area	**2.38**

Distinctiveness		Condition	
Distinctiveness	**Score**	**Condition**	**Score**
V.Low	0	N/A - Other	0
Low	2	Condition Assessment N/A	1
Medium	4	Poor	1

Strategic significance		
Strategic significance	Strategic significance	Strategic Significance multiplier
Area/compensation not in local strategy/ no local strategy	Low Strategic Significance	1
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Suggested action to address habitat losses	Ecological baseline	Retention ca		
	Total habitat units	Area retained	Area enhanced	Baseline units retained
Compensation Not Required	0.00	0	0	0.00
Same distinctiveness or better habitat required ≥	0.22	0	0	0.00
Same broad habitat or a higher distinctiveness habitat required (≥)	2.80	0.1	0	0.40

	3.02	0.10	0.00	0.40

Total area lost (excluding area of Urb
Green walls)

ategory biodiversity value			Bespoke compensation agreed for unacceptable losses
Baseline units enhanced	Area habitat lost	Units lost	
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Existing introduced shrub within the carpark and margin of the site.
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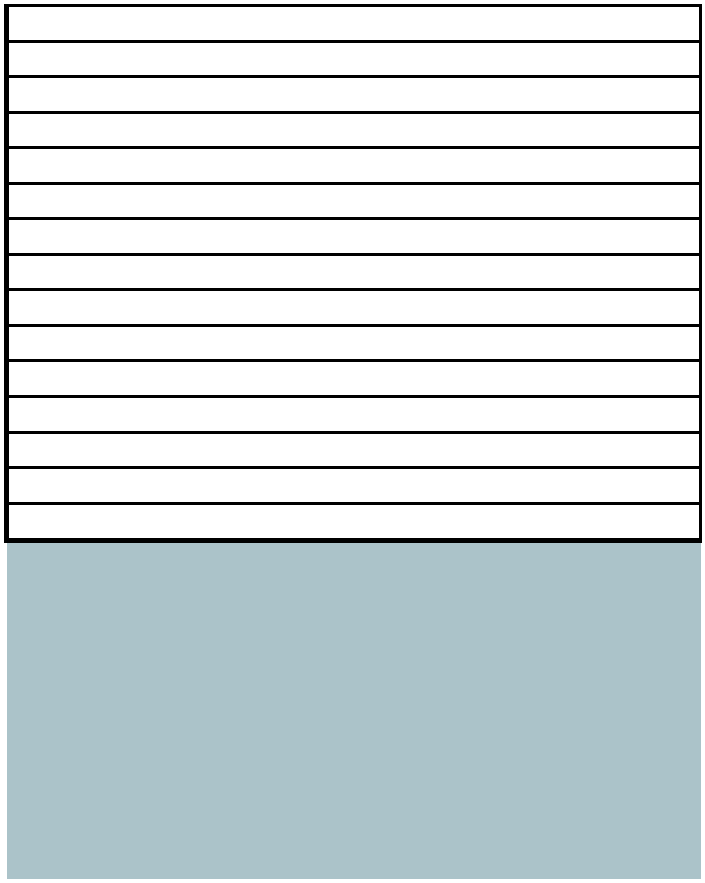

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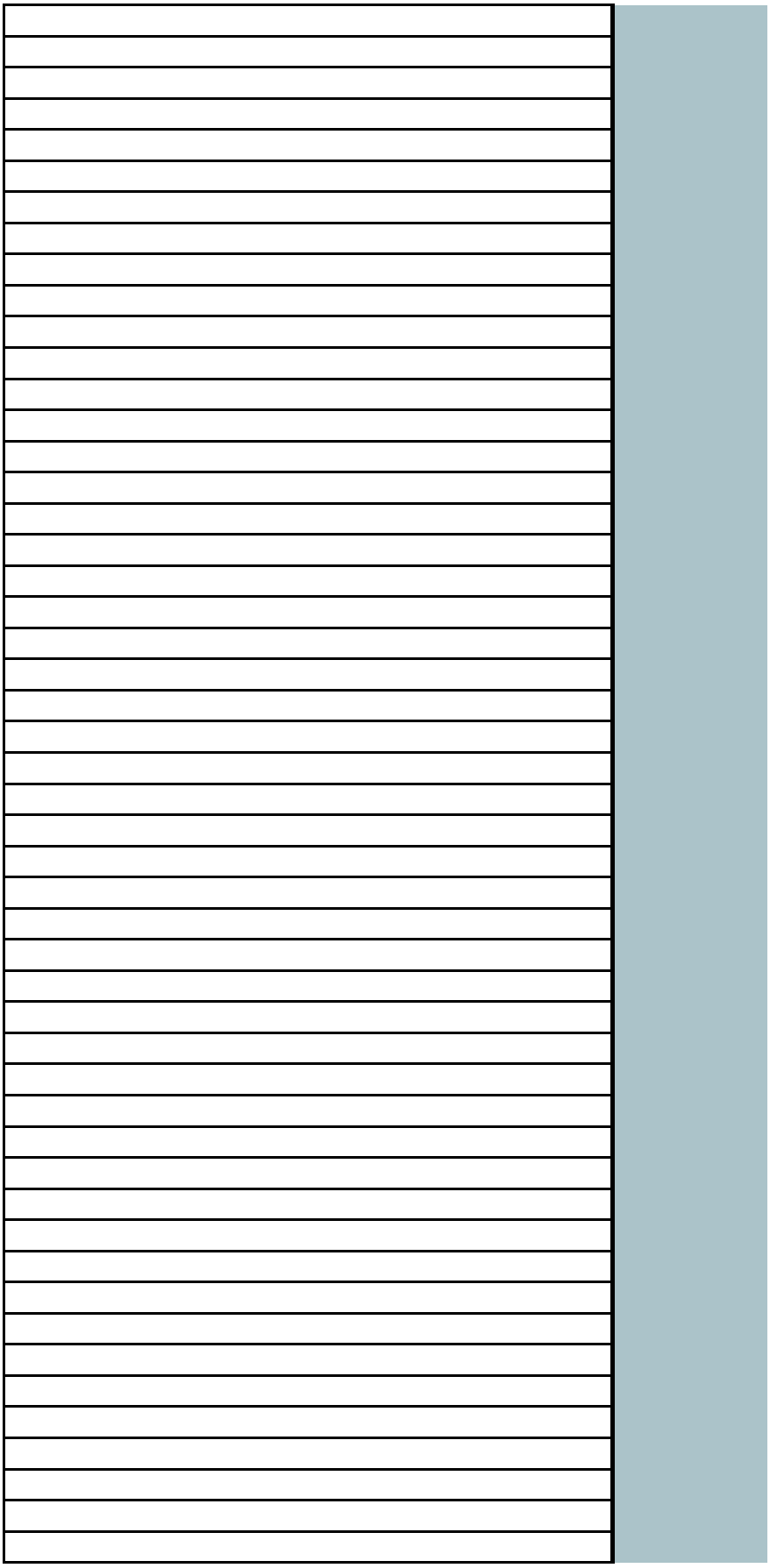

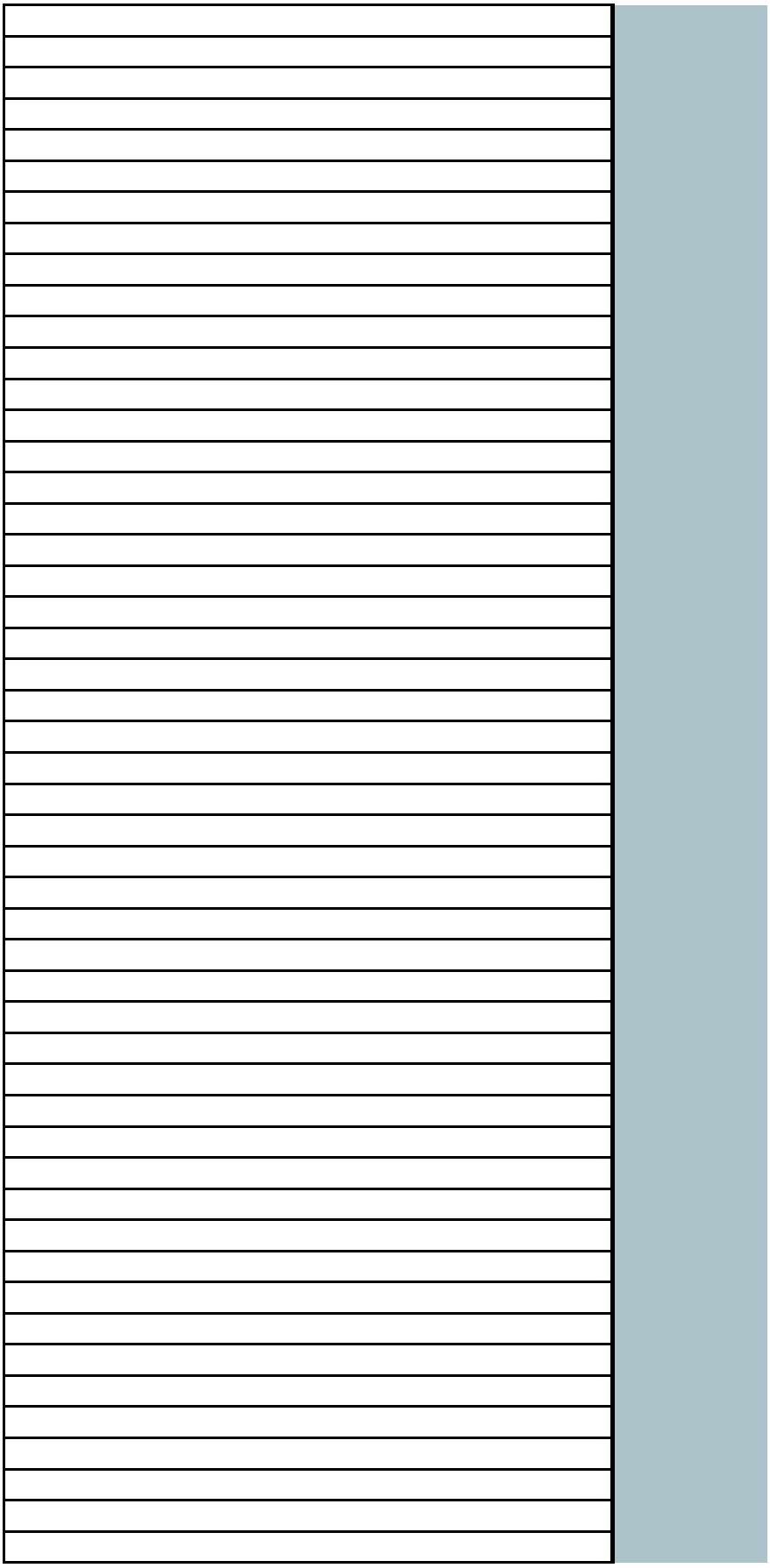

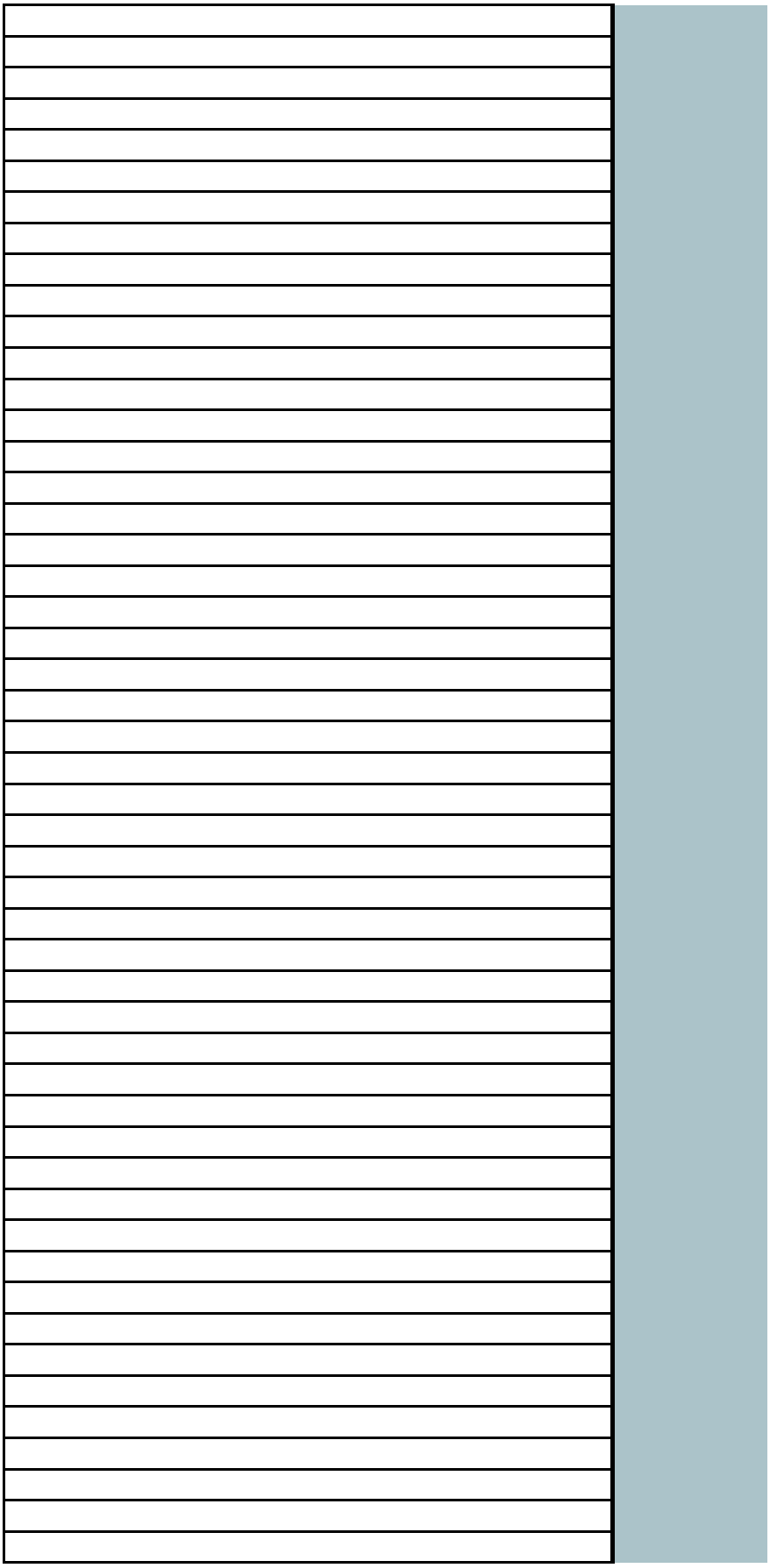

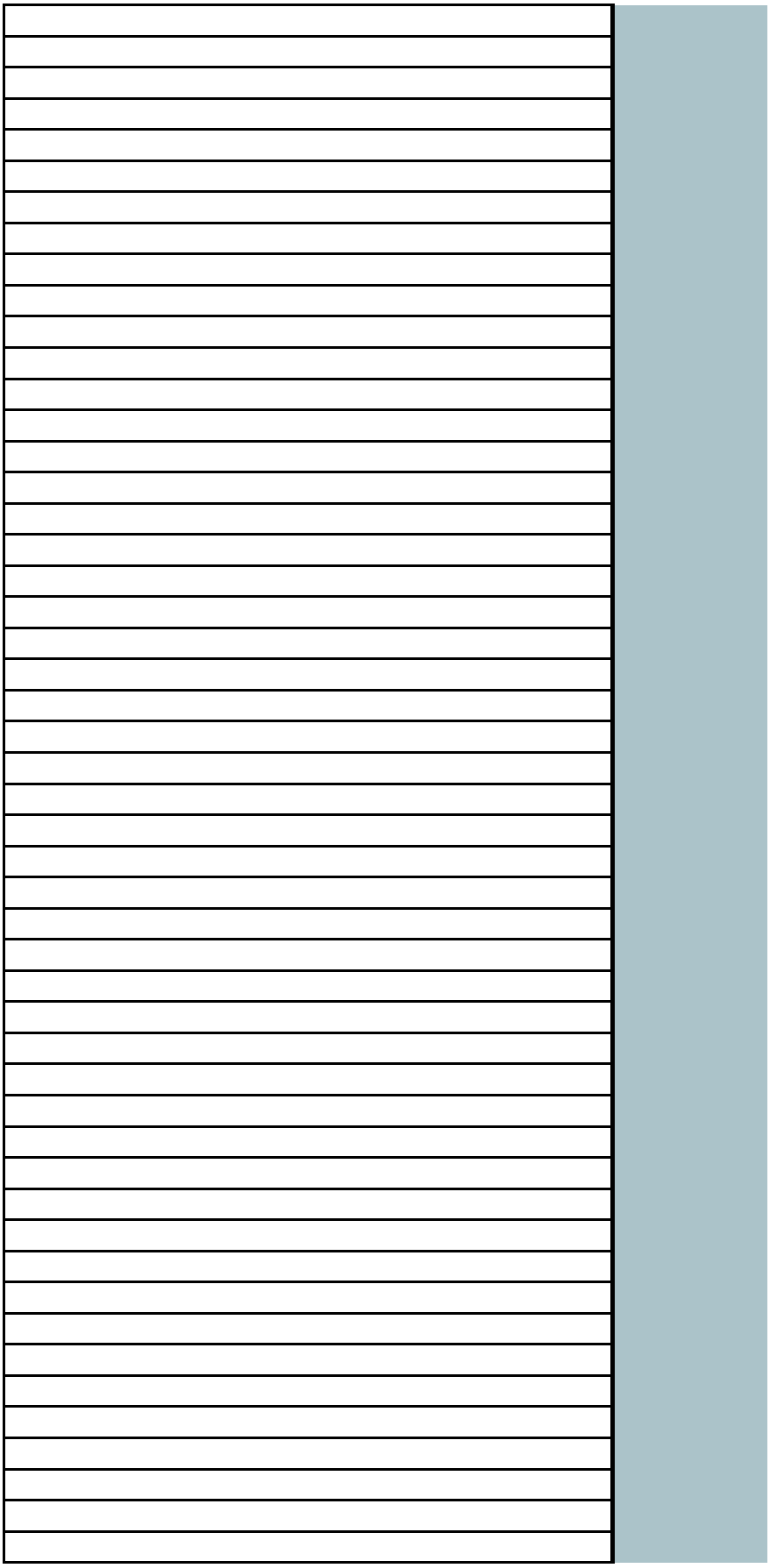

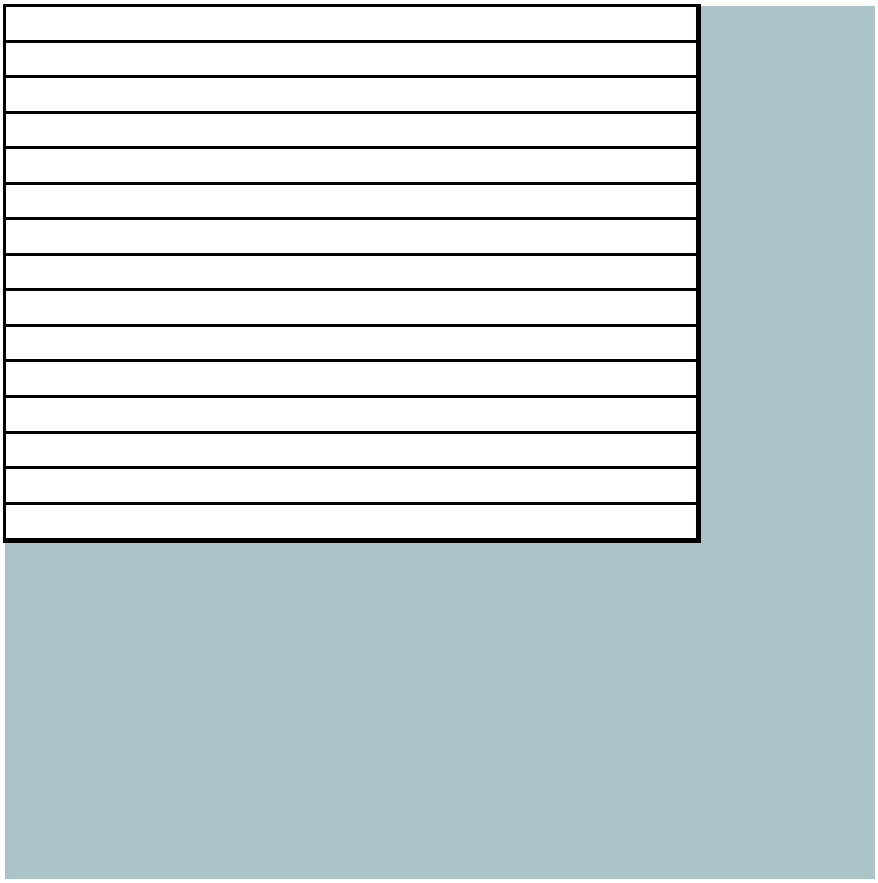

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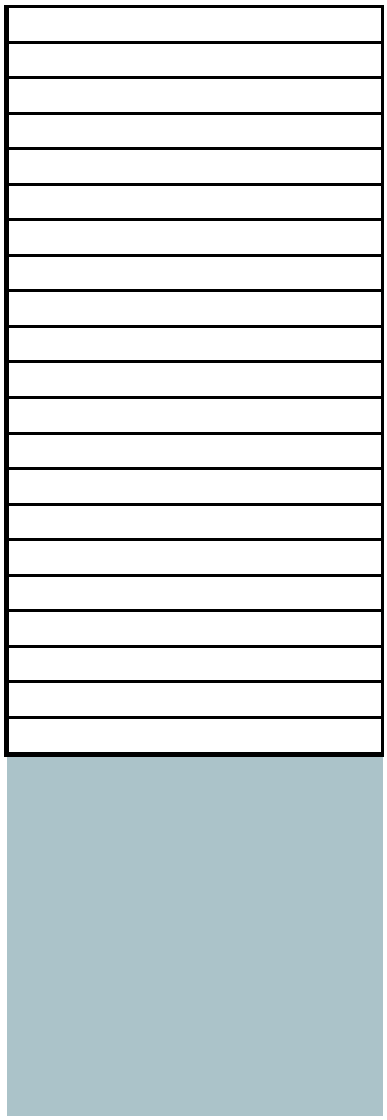

Haven Banks Retail Park

A-2 Site Habitat Creation

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Proposed habitat	Area (hectares)
Developed land; sealed surface	1.31
Modified grassland	0.07
Introduced shrub	0.22
Urban Tree	0.77
Other neutral grassland	0.03
Other green roof	0.045

Total habitat area	**2.45**

Site Area (Excluding area of Urban trees and Green walls)	**1.68**

Distinctiveness		Condition	
Distinctiveness	**Score**	**Condition**	**Score**
V.Low	0	N/A - Other	0
Low	2	Moderate	2
Low	2	Condition Assessment N/A	1
Medium	4	Poor	1
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Strategic significance		
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Post development/ post intervention habitats		
Standard time to target condition/years	Habitat created in advance/years	Delay in starting habitat creation/years
0	0	0
4	0	0
1	0	0
10	0	0
2	0	0
1	0	0

Temporal multiplier

Standard or adjusted time to target condition	Final time to target condition/years	Final time to target multiplier
Standard time to target condition applied	0	1.000
Standard time to target condition applied	4	0.867
Standard time to target condition applied	1	0.965
Standard time to target condition applied	10	0.700
Standard time to target condition applied	2	0.931
Standard time to target condition applied	1	0.965

Difficulty multipliers			
Standard difficulty of creation	**Applied difficulty multiplier**	**Final difficulty of creation**	**Difficulty multiplier applied**
Low	Standard difficulty applied	Medium	0.67
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0.24	Proposed modified (amenity) grassland planting.
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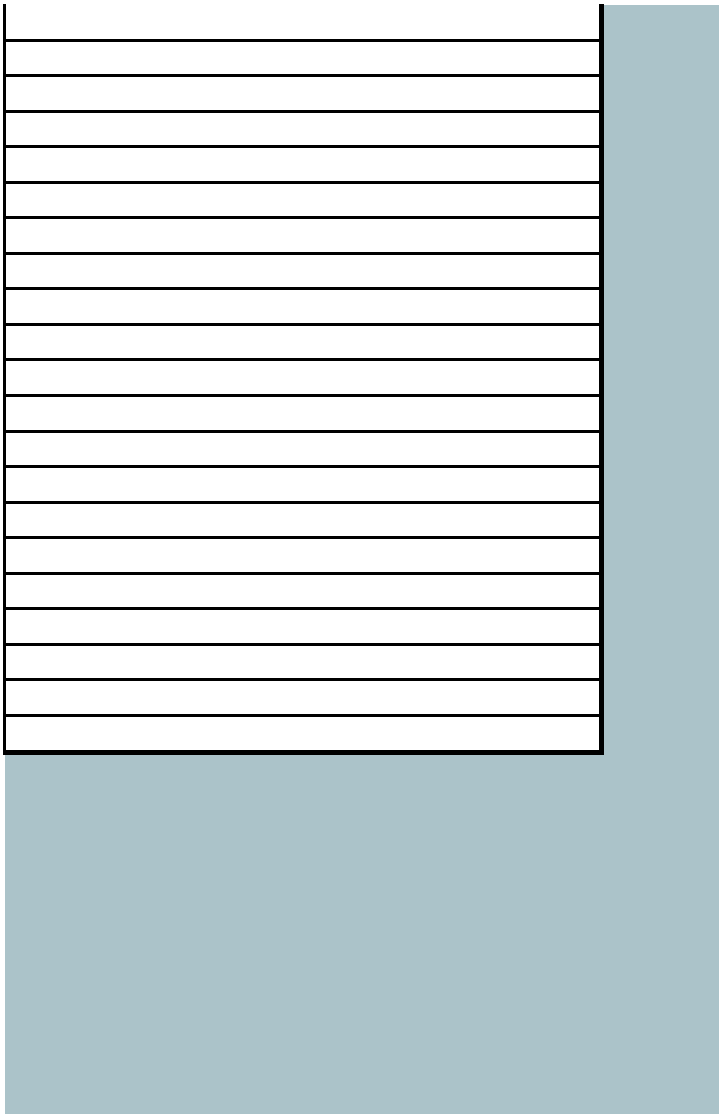
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