

Typical Tidal Wetland Mitigation Ratios by Mitigation Type

Ratios for “Mitigation Type” are separate from “Impact Type”. Ratios for “Impact Type” will be determined during the Permit review process.

Proposed Mitigation Type	Mitigation Type to Mitigation Credit Ratio	Comments
Wetland Restoration/Creation	1:1	
Wetland Enhancement ¹	2:1 to 10:1	Ratios depend on amount of enhancement and will be determined on case-by-case basis (e.g., <i>Phragmites</i> control and replanting 4:1).

Example tidal wetland project:

Impact Type	Impact Amount (sf)	Impact to Mitigation Ratio	Debit (sf)
Open water	5,000	1:1	5,000
Vegetated wetland	5,000	2:1	10,000
Total	10,000		15,000

For the 10,000 sf of tidal impacts, the applicant has a mitigation debit of 15,000 sf.

The applicant is proposing onsite wetland restoration and enhancement for their mitigation:

Mitigation Activity	Mitigation Amount (sf)	Mitigation Type to Mitigation Credit Ratio	Credit (sf)
Restoration	7,000	1:1	7,000
Enhancement	32,000	4:1	8,000
Total	39,000		15,000

Their mitigation proposal would result in the required 15,000 sf mitigation credit.

¹ Enhancement credits should only be given for a significant functional uplift. No credit will be given for “enhancement” of healthy wetland systems.