

plants. Maintenance activities will include removal of weedy species at least twice during each of the growing seasons in which monitoring occurs and watering as needed over the first three growing seasons to ensure initial survival of the installed plants.

## **EXISTING WETLAND CONDITIONS-PROJECT SITE**

The wetlands lie on slopes along both sides of Hawks Hole Creek on either side of Hood Canal Drive. They are delineated as separate systems because the road physically separates the wetlands and there is no free exchange of water through the culvert. Wetland A is west of Hood Canal Drive and the delineation begins along the base of road fill and extends west to a point where the stream exits the wetland and flows through well defined stream channel that lacks associated wetland. The stream then flows through another wetland about at least 100 feet west of Wetland A that represents the existing wetland alongside which mitigation is proposed. Wetland A is a sloping forested system that is fed by springs and seeps from the ravine slopes and only portions immediately along the stream channel appear to receive flood waters. It meets the criteria for a Category IV sloping system because it does not have much potential but has opportunity for water quality functions; it has low potential and no opportunity for hydrologic functions and has potential and opportunity for habitat functions. This wetland scores 28 points on the rating form and received a total score of 16 for habitat functions.

Wetland B is east of Hood Canal Drive and represents the western end of a large wetland system associated with Hawks Hole Creek, which appears to begin at beaver ponds on undeveloped property owned by Pope Resources about ½ mile east of Hood Canal Drive. It is a sloping forested system that is fed by springs and seeps with only a small portion receiving floodwaters from the stream. It meets the criteria for a Category III system because it scores 49 points on the rating form with potential and opportunity for water quality and hydrologic functions. Wetland B has fairly high potential and opportunity for habitat functions because it is part of a much larger stream associated system that is situated on undeveloped property. It scores 25 points for habitat function because of the undeveloped condition of its corridor east of Hood Canal Drive.

## **MITIGATION SITE SELECTION AND DELINEATION**

Because of the small drainage basin in the lower portions of the Hawks Hole Creek Watershed and the lack of disturbed areas upstream, the mitigation site search focused on the Shorewoods Community property on Ponderosa Drive. Wetlands and ditches were identified on the recreational property owned by the Shorewood residents that lies below the community center. The area examined is composed of grassy meadow that is regularly mowed by maintenance crews with a walking path and bridges that provide access to the beach from the community center. A forested wetland was identified and delineated