*Required regardless of standard selected*: Describe land use and land cover around the facility. Describe any protections afforded the river or lands around the facility (e.g., Wild and Scenic River, conservation lands surrounding the impoundment, critical habitats, etc.)

Table B‑6. Information Required to Support Shoreline and Watershed Protection Standards.

| ***Criterion*** | ***Standard***  | ***Instructions*** |
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| E | 1 | Not Applicable / De Minimis Effect:* If there are no lands with significant ecological value associated with the facility, document and justify this (e.g., describe the land use and land cover within the FERC project or facility boundary, and absence of critical habitat for protected species).
* Document that there have been no Shoreline Management Plans or similar protection requirements for the facility.
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| E | 2 | Agency Recommendation:* Provide copies or links to any agency recommendations or management plans that are in effect related to protection, mitigation, or enhancement of shoreline surrounding the facility (e.g., Shoreline Management Plans).
* Provide documentation that indicates the facility is in full compliance with any agency recommendations or management plans that are in effect.
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| E | 3 | Enforceable Protection:* Demonstrate that there is an approved and enforceable shoreline buffer or equivalent watershed protection plan (including state or local regulations) in place for conservation purposes, including buffered shoreline along river corridors.
* In lieu of an existing shore land protection plan, provide documentation that the facility commits to protect and not develop an equivalent land area for conservation purposes as a condition of LIHI Certification, with such commitment to be in effect for the duration of LIHI Certification.
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| E | PLUS | Bonus Activities:* Provide documentation that the facility has a formal site-specific conservation plan protecting a buffer zone of 50% or more of the undeveloped shoreline that the facility owns around its reservoirs and river corridors.
* In lieu of a formal conservation plan, provide documentation that the facility has established a watershed enhancement fund for ecological land management that will achieve the equivalent land protection value of an ecologically effective buffer zone of 50% or more around undeveloped shoreline.
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