

## **2011 Water Protection Fund (WPF)/Watershed Protection Fund (WSPF) Project Application Evaluation Criteria**

WPF/WSPF project applications will be ranked based on the point totals assigned to each section with the maximum score indicating the project application adequately addresses all of the criteria items listed below. Total possible maximum score is 100 points.

### **1. TITLE PAGE AND PROJECT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (0-5 points)**

- Does the project application indicate which SWCD(s) is sponsoring the project?
- Is the WPF/WSPF financial assistance request shown?
- Within the Project Executive Summary, is an adequate description of the project provided and is the soil & water resource concern(s) clearly defined?
- Within the Project Executive Summary, are the project objectives and goals stated?
- Is the page signed by the chairperson(s) of the SWCD(s) submitting the application?

### **2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION (0-20 points)**

- Is an adequate physical and social description of the watershed provided?
- Is watershed size manageable or has it been broken into units of a manageable size for the purpose of project development and implementation?
- Does the application provide adequate local information on the soil and water resources concerns in order to establish the project as a priority locally and in the state?
- Have the local stakeholders impacted by the soil & water resources concerns been actively involved in the development of the project and will they continue to be actively involved during the implementation process?
- Does the application provide information with regard to the level of participation that can be expected from those stakeholders identified within the priority source areas?

### **3. WATERSHED-BASED ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING (0-25 points)**

- Does the application include sufficient data to scientifically identify the priority source area(s)?
- Has a clear and scientifically defensible link been established between the impact of the soil & water resources concern(s) on the public and the priority source areas?
- Does the information provided indicate that the appropriate assessments have been completed and have the results of the assessments been evaluated appropriately for use as the basis for the development the project application?
- Does the information in the application indicate that an appropriate review and drafting of priority BMPs has taken place and were the watershed stakeholders and key decision makers involved in the review process?

### **4. DESCRIPTION OF WATER RESOURCE PROTECTION PLAN (0-35 points)**

- Are the stated objectives and goals realistic and yet aggressive enough to ensure the project is successful?
- Does the list of proposed BMPs appear to be appropriate to address the soil & water resource concerns?

- Do the education and outreach efforts outlined appear to be adequate to produce the results that need to be achieved?
- Does the application include a comprehensive and realistic project schedule? (Schedule attached as an Appendix document)
- Does the budget for the project effectively leverage dollars from other sources for both financial and technical assistance? (Budget Pages attached as an Appendix documents)

**5. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION (0-15 points)**

- Does the application indicate if a watershed or project advisory group has been or will be formed and who is or would be part of the group?
- Is information provided about the groups or organizations, other than the project sponsor(s), that will be involved in the project and what role they will play?
- Does the information provided indicate that the local partners are motivated and organized sufficiently to properly conduct a project which will achieve the stated objectives and goals?
- Is information provided with regard to the level of commitment (technical and/or financial) that has been made by identified partners?
- Does the application include information on the project evaluation process and does it appear adequate?
- Is a completed copy of the “Minority Impact Statement” form included?