

Urban Green Space (UGS) Project Rating Questions

Note: unless otherwise indicated, questions apply to both acquisition and development projects

**Circle
Points
if YES**

<p>1. NATURAL HERITAGE INVENTORY (NHI) – The project will preserve land that has been identified as a preservation priority by the Natural Heritage Inventory. <i>The project must be listed on the Natural Heritage Inventory (NHI) or is of local historical or cultural significance. The Natural Heritage Inventory is prepared and maintained by the DNR's Bureau of Endangered Resources.</i></p>	2
<p>2. RAIL CORRIDORS – The project will acquire an abandoned rail corridor for trail use.</p>	2
<p>3. AQUATIC HABITAT - The project will acquire land for aquatic habitat protection for fish and wildlife. <i>Management plan must address the protection of aquatic habitat for fish or wildlife.</i></p>	2
<p>4. NEW PARK AND RECREATION LAND – The project will acquire new park and recreation lands. <i>Project Sponsor must be acquiring land for the community's first park, or for a park in an area in a community that isn't served by a park. An area is determined by the service area standards set in the local comprehensive outdoor recreation plan. Project must acquire land for non-intensive use in communities.</i></p>	1
<p>5. PARK DEDICATION ORDINANCE –The sponsoring government has a parkland dedication or impact fee ordinance. <i>The ordinance is used to recover costs for the acquisition and/or development of parks and open space from developers when land is platted or developed; copy of resolution of adoption should be included with application. Counties receive this point.</i></p>	1
<p>6. LINKING CORRIDORS – The project will acquire a parkway, trail, linear corridor, or environmental corridor segment that links existing parks or state and multi-county trails to one another or to a city center, or other recreational site. <i>The project must acquire land that is part of a corridor of land planned to provide a linkage between trails or other recreational sites, or recreational sites to a business or residential center.</i></p> <p>a. Project acquires a linking segment between trails and/or existing recreation sites. – 2 pts. OR b. Project will provide a spur to services or support facilities – 1 pt.</p>	2 or 1
<p>7. LINEAR CORRIDORS – The project initiates or adds to a linear recreational corridor. <i>The Sponsor must provide a master plan showing the corridor boundaries and an acquisition target list.</i></p>	1
<p>8. WATER-BASED RECREATION – The project will allow for improvement of recreation on natural waterbodies in urban areas. - <i>The natural waterbody must be navigable.</i></p> <p>a. The project provides recreation on a waterbody where none is available now. – 2 pts. OR b. The project will improve an existing recreation site. – 1 pts.</p>	2 or 1
<p>9. WATER FRONTAGE – The project provides new accessible water frontage. <i>The project acquires frontage on streams, rivers or contain water features such as wildlife ponds or spring ponds. Only permanent, natural open surface water features qualify.</i></p>	1
<p>10. VEGETATION & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT – The management plan for the property calls for managing vegetation and wildlife on recreational lands to provide diversity of native or other appropriate site specific species, including protecting sensitive wildlife habitat and preserving wildlife communities.</p>	1
<p>11. WETLANDS ACQUISITION – The project provides for acquisition of wetlands defined in the Wisconsin Wetland Inventory or another approved wetlands delineation or inventory and preserved through the property management plan. <i>Other approved wetlands delineations or inventories must be approved/accepted by the project sponsor and the wetlands area must be preserved through the property management plan. Wetlands include aquatic bed plants, sphagnum moss, marsh and wetland meadow, wet shrubs, wet forests, shallow open water, and non-vegetated wet soil.</i></p>	1
<p>12. WETLANDS RESTORATION – The project's provides for restoration of wetlands defined in the Wisconsin Wetland Inventory or another approved wetlands delineation or inventory and preserved through the property management plan. <i>Other approved wetlands delineations or inventories must be approved/accepted by the project sponsor and the wetlands area must be identified to be restored preserved. Wetlands include aquatic bed plants, sphagnum moss, marsh and wetland meadow, wet shrubs, wet forests, shallow open water, and non-vegetated wet soil.</i></p>	1

<p>13. DEVELOPMENT THREAT – The project will provide for acquisition of lands where it can be documented that the lands are threatened by development.</p> <p>a. The property can be divided under the current land use plan. – 1 pt.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>b. The property is listed on the open market, an offer has been made by a developer, or the sponsor has purchased the property having received a letter of retroactivity from the region CSS. – 2 pts.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p>2</p>
<p>14. INTERPRETIVE FACILITIES – Interpretive facilities will be provided where appropriate. <i>Interpretive means to enhance the public use of the site. This could include interpretive signs. An example would be a project that preserves an unusual geological feature that could be interpreted for general public use</i></p>	<p>1</p>
<p>15. COUNTY POPULATION WHERE PROJECT IS LOCATED - <i>For these questions see the Wisconsin population estimates & metro area charts in Appendix B.</i> The project is located:</p> <p>a. In a county that has a city with a Jan. 1, 2008 population of 50,000 or more – 1 pt.</p> <p>b. In a county with a Jan. 1, 2008 population of 200,000-500,000 – 1 pt.</p> <p>c. In a county with a Jan. 1, 2008 population of over 500,000 – 2 pts.</p> <p>d. In a county where the five year population growth rate (2002-2007) exceeds 3.56% (State growth rate) and the total population as of Jan. 1, 2008 exceeds 50,000 – 1 pt.</p> <p>e. Within 50 miles of a recognized metropolitan area. – 1 pt.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>
<p>16. REGIONAL OR STATEWIDE SIGNIFICANCE – The land is of regional or statewide significance. <i>A project that goes beyond serving the needs of the local sponsors population <u>and</u> is identified in a statewide or regional plan. A copy of the plan must be submitted to the DNR.</i></p>	<p>1</p>
<p>17. CONTINUES LAND ACQUISITIONS – The project continues an eligible acquisition project previously started. <i>This project continues to acquire property in an area previously established within an acquisition boundary or acreage goal.</i></p>	<p>1</p>
<p>18. GOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION, TWO OR MORE MASTER PLANS –The project implements master plans of 2 or more units of government. <i>This project results in intergovernmental cooperation by implementing two or more identified master plans prepared by governmental agencies or their agents including Regional Planning Commissions, Special Planning Regions, or County Planning agencies.</i></p>	<p>1</p>
<p>19. BROWNFIELDS SITE</p> <p>a. The sponsor has signed an agreement with the DNR to do necessary investigation and remediation work on this brownfields site. – 1 pt. <i>The sponsor must submit a copy of the agreement with the application.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>b. The Project is on lands in process of remediation or remediation has been completed. – 2 pts. <i>The sponsor must have a remediation plan and schedule approved by the DNR. Documentation of both must be submitted with the application. If remediation is completed a copy of the close out letter must be submitted.</i></p>	<p>1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p>2</p>
<p>20. MATCHING FUNDS – Matching funds are budgeted or available immediately. <i>The project can be started with matching funds available immediately upon approval.</i></p>	<p>1</p>
<p>21. APPRAISALS - The project involves acquisition of land where the appraisals are complete and submitted to the DNR.</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>22. OPTION OR OFFER TO PURCHASE - The sponsor has an accepted option or offer to purchase agreement. <i>Appraisal is complete and an option or offer to purchase has been signed with the landowner(s).</i></p>	<p>3</p>
<p>23. SMART GROWTH PLAN - A comprehensive land use plan compliant with s. 66.1001 (Smart Growth) has been adopted by ordinance. <i>A copy of the adoption resolution must be submitted to the DNR.</i></p>	<p>.5</p>

24. PREVIOUS GRANTS -		
a. The sponsor has completed all previously funded Stewardship Local Assistance and Land and Water Conservation Fund projects. – 1 pt. <i>All Stewardship Local Assistance and Land & Water Conservation funded grant projects are complete. Previous development project sponsors get the point if they have not had one full construction year since grant award. New sponsor shall receive this credit for this question.</i>		1
b. The sponsor has never received a Local Assistance or LWCF grant in the past. – 3 pts. OR		3 or
c. The sponsor has not received a Local Assistance or LWCF grant in the last 5 years. – 1 pt.		1
25. ACTIVE PROJECT ADJUSTMENT		
For each active project a Sponsor has under the Stewardship Local Assistance, Land & Water Conservation Fund, and Recreation Trails Act grant programs, points will be deducted from the total project application score as follows:		
<i>No. of Active Projects</i> _____	<i>One active project - deduct one point;</i>	-1
	<i>Two active projects - deduct three points;</i>	-3
	<i>Three or more active projects – deduct five points</i>	-5
NOTE: An "active project" is defined as a project where the scope has not been completed. Development projects are allowed one full construction season from the grant award start date before being defined as "active"; acquisition projects are considered "active" if the grant award is prior to July 1 of last grant cycle.		

PROJECT TOTAL - UGS