

Urban Rivers (UR) 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) OR A HISTORICAL OR CULTURAL SITE - The project is on the National Heritage Inventory (NHI) or restores or preserves an area with significant historical or cultural value. <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. DEVELOPMENT THREAT - The project will provide for acquisition of lands where it can be documented that the lands are threatened by development. (<i>Acquisition only.</i>)</p> <p>a. The property can be divided under the current land use plan. – 1 pt. 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>	1 or 2
<p>3. SUPPORTS OTHER PLANS</p> <p>a. The project is in another plan, other than the Local Comprehensive Outdoor Plan that establishes eligibility, including water quality management plans. – 1 pt. <i>The project must be included in a recreation, natural resource, environmental, or land use plan of another local unit of government, state agency or non-profit conservation organization.. A copy of the plan must be provided.</i> OR</p> <p>b. The project will implement recommendations of a riverway plan. – 2 pts. <i>The project is in a river corridor plan where the Sponsor is the primary contributor and should include integrated resource management methods which call for outdoor recreation, water quality, habitat restoration and preservation, open space planning, economic development, municipal master planning, etc.</i></p>	1 or 2
<p>4. CONTINUES LAND ACQUISITIONS (<i>Acquisition only.</i>)</p> <p>a. The project is in a river plan that has had two or more previous acquisitions. – 1 pt. OR</p> <p>b. The project is in a river plan that has had two or more previous acquisitions and the river plan is adjacent to or complements another permanently protected area. – 2 pts.</p>	1 or 2
<p>5. RAIL CORRIDORS – The project will provide for acquisition of an abandoned rail corridor for trail use. (<i>Acquisition only.</i>)</p>	1
<p>6. NATURAL RESOURCE VALUES</p> <p>a. The project will improve water quality by acquiring existing erosion problem area(s) or converting hard surfaced lands to green space. The project will be left in a natural state. – 1 pt. <i>The project will stabilize eroding lands or convert hard surfaced lands to green space. Property along a waterbody identified as a "Special Natural Resources Interest" (under Chapter NR 1, Wis. Admin Code) would qualify for this point.</i> OR</p> <p>b. The project will provide for acquisition or restoration of wetlands defined in the Wisconsin Wetland Inventory (or another approved wetlands delineation or inventory) or a documented other key habitat area that will be left in a natural state. – 2 pts. <i>The project acquires land as defined in the Wisconsin Wetland Priority Plan, restores wetland habitat, or protects habitat identified as The project must acquire or restore habitat documented to be critical to protecting environmental quality. Acquisitions adjacent to Outstanding and Exceptional Resource Waters would also qualify for this point. This project must be left in a natural state.</i></p>	1 or 2
<p>7. DAM REMOVAL – The project restores wetlands, river or stream corridors, or habitat following a dam removal.</p>	2

<p>8. OUTDOOR RECREATION FOR ALL</p> <p>a. The project expands outdoor recreation near an urban center. – 1 pt. <i>The project provides for an expansion of outdoor recreation that is within easy walking distance (1/4 mile or less) from urban centers. Urban centers would include the traditional business retail centers and residential areas contiguous to the business retail center.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>b. The project will serve the documented needs of special populations in urban areas. – 2 pts. <i>The project will be used to fulfill identified outdoor recreational needs of special populations (elderly, disabled, low income or minority groups). The sponsor must be able to identify the special population in the project narrative and be able to support with evidence any statement to the above to be eligible for this point.</i></p>	<p>1</p> <p>or</p> <p>2</p>
<p>9. SUPPORTS MULTIPLE-USE – The project provides or supports substantial <u>multiple use</u> nature-based outdoor recreational activities that are feasible for the site. <i>Substantial multiple use activities means more than one activity - e.g., trails and picnicking, fishing and swimming.</i></p>	1
<p>10. SUPPORTS MULTIPLE-SEASONAL USE – The project provides or support s substantial <u>multi-seasonal</u> nature-based outdoor recreational activities that are feasible for the site? <i>Substantial multiple seasonal activities means more than one activity, more than one season - e.g., ice fishing and swimming, cross country skiing and hiking.</i></p>	1
<p>11. PUBLIC ACCESS TO RIVER (<i>Acquisition only</i>)</p> <p>a. The project will improve an existing public access. – 1 pt. <i>The project will expand and/or improve an existing river access; a project bought for a nesting area, nature preserve, etc., that would exclude the public would not be eligible for this point.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>b. The project provides access to the river where none is available now. – 2 pts. <i>The project will provide new access for pedestrian riverfront users where no public access in the immediate area is now available. A project bought for a nesting area, nature preserve, etc., that excludes the public because of single use activities would not be eligible for this point.</i></p>	<p>1</p> <p>or</p> <p>2</p>
<p>12. 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>13. COMMUNITY FINANCIAL SUPPORT</p> <p>a. A local service or business organization, other unit of govt, or nonprofit conservation organization is contributing greater than 25% of the sponsor's cost share of total project costs. – 1 pt. <i>The contribution may consist of cash or donations of land, labor, services, materials, or equipment rental. The contribution must be documented in the application.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>b. A local service or business organization, other unit of govt, or nonprofit conservation organization is contributing greater than 50% of the sponsor's cost share of total project costs. – 2 pts. <i>The contribution may consist of cash or donations of land, labor, services, materials, or equipment rental. The contribution must be documented in the application.</i></p>	<p>1</p> <p>or</p> <p>2</p>
<p>14. TWO OR MORE UNITS OF GOVERNMENT</p> <p>a. The planning area has 2 or more local units of government cooperating. – 1 pt. <i>Two separate local units of government – county, city, town, village, or tribe - are cooperating and implementing a river corridor plan.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>b. County-wide or two or more counties cooperating. – 2 pts. <i>Includes all communities located on the river within the county. Local units of government - county, city, town, village, or tribe – are cooperating and implementing a river corridor plan.</i></p>	<p>1</p> <p>or</p> <p>2</p>

<p>15. POTENTIAL FOR INCREASING TOURISM</p> <p>a. The project will attract some visitors from outside the community. – 1 pt. OR</p> <p>b. The project will be of region-wide or statewide significance in terms of travel. – 2 pts. <i>The project is on a riverfront that will be used to attract large attendance, such as nature centers or other nature-based outdoor recreation focused facilities of statewide significance. Regional significance could be trails on the state trail system or trails that connect to state trails, or trails that cover more than one county, boat launching site that handle high volume launching, river corridors that connect to state or regional parks.</i></p>	<p>1 or 2</p>
<p>16. POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO THE OVERALL ECONOMY OF THE MUNICIPALITY</p> <p>a. The project is identified as necessary in a river plan to create partnerships that will generate private sector outdoor recreation support industries. – 1 pt. <i>The project will create partnerships that will expand outdoor recreation opportunities that will generate additional income to private sector businesses. An example would be additional revenue generated by a bicycle shop renting bicycles to people to use on a river trail system. Specific documentation must be included to be eligible for this point.</i> OR</p> <p>b. The project will create opportunities to renovate urban centers for businesses that will directly take advantage of the river greenway being created by the project. – 2 pts. <i>The project will implement a portion of an economic redevelopment or master plan that calls for businesses to renovate or improve existing buildings in a urban commercial region. Businesses will design their buildings to take advantage of the river greenway that is existing and/or created by the implementation of the project.</i></p>	<p>1 or 2</p>
<p>17. AESTHETIC VALUE (Acquisition only)</p> <p>a. The project will acquire and protect existing green space area(s). – 1 pt. <i>The project will add additional existing "undisturbed by development" land on the river within an area where the majority of the surrounding land has been developed.</i> OR</p> <p>b. The project will acquire lands that are presently developed and will include substantial renovation, restoration, or revitalization of a blighted riverfront area. – 2 pts. <i>The project will restore under-utilized land along the river for useful outdoor recreation purposes. An example would be: purchasing a partially used or unused building, or a parking lot on the river and converting the land into passive or active green space and renovated support facilities.</i></p>	<p>1 or 2</p>
<p>18. 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> 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 or 2</p>
<p>19. PREVIOUS GRANTS –</p>	
<p>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></p> <p>b. The sponsor has never received a Local Assistance or LWCF grant in the past. – 3 pts. OR</p> <p>c. The sponsor has not received a Local Assistance or LWCF grant in the last 5 years. – 1 pt.</p>	<p>1 or 3 or 1</p>
<p>20. APPRAISALS - The appraisals are complete and submitted to the DNR. (Acquisition Only)</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>21. OFFER TO PURCHASE - The sponsor has an accepted option or offer to purchase agreement. (Acquisition Only) <i>An option or letter to purchase has been signed with the landowner(s).</i></p>	<p>2</p>
<p>22. 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>

23. 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:

<p><i>No. of Active Projects</i> _____</p>	<p><i>One active project - deduct one point;</i> <i>Two active projects - deduct three points;</i> <i>Three or more active projects – deduct five points</i></p>	<p>-1 -3 -5</p>
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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 - UR