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MEMO

TO: Nine Mile Creek Board of Managers
FROM: Erica Sniegowski, Program and Project Manager
Lauren Foley, Permit and Water Resources Coordinator
DATE: December 11, 2019
RE: Cost Share Program Updates Discussion

Background

At the November (2019) board meeting, NMCWD staff presented a proposed priority ranking system for the individual reviewer portion for cost share grant applications. We requested that the board engage in a discussion of the proposed priority ranking system at the December (2019) board meeting. Having the priority ranking system ready to use on 2020 cost share grant applications is our goal. Additionally, staff requested a discussion on forming a sub-committee of two board members, CAC members, and staff to discuss whether the District should have restoration grants as a separate grant track and how this would be implemented. We propose this sub-committee meet as-needed over the 2020 calendar year.

Request

Staff requests the Managers share their thoughts on the draft Cost Share Grant Evaluation Worksheet and decide on a set of priority ranking to be used when reviewing the 2020 cost share grant applications. Staff also requests feedback on the proposed sub-committee to address restoration projects in the cost share program.

Attachment

- Proposed Cost Share Grant Evaluation Worksheet, which includes priority rankings



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COST SHARE GRANT EVALUATION WORKSHEET

Purpose and Instructions

Purpose: This document provides uniform criteria for grant review and a record of individual reviews. Late applications are not accepted and will not be passed on to the review panel.

Instructions for reviewer: Fill in all applicable yellow fields for the grant application you are reviewing. Scores and notes will be used in the group review panel.

Application Information

Name of Applicant or Organization:	
Address and City:	
Project Cost: \$	Amount Requested: \$

Project Type

Circle one: Residential Townhome/Condo/Lake Association City/Commercial/Nonprofit

Circle one: Raingarden/Swale Pervious Paver Chloride Restoration Buffer Other

Eligibility Pre-Screening

- Are all the core application questions completed?.....Yes/No
- Are all project forms included?.....Yes/No
- Are all project forms completed?.....Yes/No

If any of the above questions answered No, stop evaluation here.

Project Quality Part 1

Instructions: Rate all questions on a 0-2 scale.

- How satisfactory is the level of detail in the project application?
*0 is Very Unsatisfactory, 2 is Very Satisfactory
- How well does the project use/build partnerships or provide educational value?
*0 is Low, 2 is High
- How much visibility does the project provide for water or ecological stewardship, the District, or the cost share program?
*0 is Low, 2 is High
- How reasonable is the timeline and budget for the proposed work?
*0 is Unreasonable, 2 is Very Reasonable

Average score for Part 1 (sum of assigned points/4)	_____ /4 = _____
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Project Quality Part 2: Complete the table for the applicable project type.*Shoreline Buffer*

Project Type	Answer / Point value	Point Value Assigned
Does the project buffer a wetland, lake, or Nine Mile Creek?	No / 0 points Yes / 1 point	
Average Buffer Width (outward from water) for <u>residential projects</u>	0-4.9 feet / 0 points 5-9.9 feet / 1 point 10-16.4 feet / 2 points 16.5+ feet / 3 points	
Average Buffer Width (outward from water) for <u>other projects</u> : association, nonprofit, business, city projects	0-16.4 feet / 0 points 16.5-29.9 feet / 1 point 30-49.9 feet / 2 points 50+ feet / 3 points	
Average score for table (sum of assigned points/2)		_____/2 = _____

Raingarden

Question	Answer / Point value	Point Value Assigned
Does the project capture water that would otherwise drain to a water resource via overland flow or a storm drain?	No / 0 points Yes / 1 point	
What is the source of runoff water?	Roof and/or green space / 0 points Roof or green space <u>and</u> impervious surfaces / 1 Impervious surfaces only / 2	
What amount of water is rain garden capturing?	>0-0.33 inch/ 0 points 0.34-0.66 inches / 1 point 0.67-0.99 inches / 2 points 1+ inches / 3 points	
Average Score for table (sum of assigned points/3)		_____/3 = _____

Restoration

Question	Answer / Point value	Point Value Assigned
Does the project border a wetland, lake, or Nine Mile Creek?	No / 0 points Yes / 1 point	
What is the percent property area restored?	0-5% / 0 points 6-20% / 1 point 21-34% / 2 points 35%+ / 3 points	
<u>Residential Projects</u> : What is the size of the restoration?	0-0.02 acres / 0 points >0.02-0.5 acres / 1 point 0.5-1 acres / 2 points 1+ acres / 3 points	
<u>All Other Projects</u> (association, nonprofit, business, city): What is the size of the restoration?	0-0.1 acres / 0 points 0.11-1 acres / 1 point 1-3 acres / 2 points 3+ acres / 3 points	
Average score for table (sum of assigned points/3)		_____/3 = _____

Pervious Pavers/Pavement

Question	Answer / Point Value	Point Value Assigned
What size rainfall runoff will the practice reduce from the property?	>0-0.33 inch/ 0 points 0.34-0.66 inches / 1 point 0.67-0.99 inches / 2 points 1+ inches / 3 points	
What is the source of runoff water?	Roof and/or green space / 0 points Roof or green space <u>and</u> impervious surfaces / 1 Impervious surfaces only / 2	
Average score for table (sum of assigned points/2)		_____/2 = _____

Chloride Reduction

Criteria	Answer / Point Value	Point Value Assigned
Anticipated % decrease of chloride	0-5% / points >5-10% / 1 point >10% / 2 points	
What % of the chloride reduction will be in NMCWD?	0-10% / 0 points 11-50% / 1 point 51-100% / 2 points	
Average score for table (sum of assigned points/2)		_____/2 = _____

Score Summary

Section	Section Point Subtotal
Project Quality Part 1 (Average score)	
Project Quality Part 2 (Average score)	
	Total: _____

Preparation for Review Panel

On the following page, record any questions, concerns, or recommendations you would like to discuss during the group review panel. Please comment on the applicant's level of understanding of maintenance and willingness to undertake needed maintenance on the project.

Review panel discussion items: