

Commented [DA1]: To simply the scoring of co-benefits

REQUIRED ELEMENTS: Criteria Scoring	Score (Variable, 0-4)	Weighting (Fixed, 1 or 2)	Score
<b>Flood Resilience Benefit</b> 1 point: likely reduces flood impacts but minimal at best 2 points: definitely reduces flood impacts 3 points: flood resilience benefit is significant and quantifiable 4 points: part of a larger flood resilience project		2	# _ Max 8
<b>Hazard Mitigation Benefit (other than flood resilience)</b> 1 point: likely reduces impacts from a known hazard 2 points: definitely reduces impacts from a known hazard or likely reduces impacts from two or more hazards 3 points: definitely reduces impacts from a top three hazard in town's All Hazards Mitigation Plan 4 points: part of a larger Hazard Mitigation project		2	# _ Max 8
<b>Education Benefit</b> 1 point: creation of simple video, powerpoint, storymap, or etc. <u>for permanent hosting on landowner website on project</u> 2 points: community gathering for ribbon cutting plus additional 3 points: educational display (e.g. kiosk, interpretive panel, etc. on site 4 points: long-term, embedded educational interaction with public (e.g. school curriculum, regular tours, adjacent to path, etc).		2	# _ Max 8
<b>Ecosystem Improvement (recreation/tourism, water supply, carbon sequestration, pollutant filtration) note: WQ improvement is a given</b> Range: 1 point to 4 points: <u>Measurably improves 1 to 4 of the services</u>		2	# _ Max 8
<b>Local Pollution Prevention: (nitrogen, metals/pathogens, other contaminant)</b> 1 point: Likely reduces at least one contaminant 2 points: Definitely reduces at least one contaminant 3 points: Definitely reduces at least two contaminants 4 points: definitely reduces at least three contaminants		2	# _ Max 8
<b>Habitat Improvement (restores habitat and/or connectivity, promotes native species and/or removes non-native species, protects RTE species, protects significant natural communities)</b> Range: 1 point to 4 points: Improves 1 to 4 of the services		2	# _ Max 8
<b>Also addresses a Permit Requirement of a Public or Non-profit entity</b> 1 point: helps non-profit meet a permit requirement 2 points: helps a municipality meet a permit requirement 3 points: is a Public-Private Partnership Project		1	# _ Max 3
<b>Community Support</b> 1 point: Identified in existing community planning effort (Comprehensive Plan; Open Space Plan; Natural Resources Inventory; etc.) 2 points: Same as above plus involves local community in design, construction and/or maintenance 3 points: either of above + involves major local, non-Water Quality partner <u>in permanent role (e.g. housing group, Boy Scouts, School, etc.)</u>		2	# _ Max 36
<b>Environmental Justice (engagement, honors knowledge, access to clean water &amp; food, protects sacred resources) for Vulnerable communities</b> 1 point: disadvantaged populations informed early about project 2 points: disadvantaged populations meaningfully involved in design and/or construction 3 points: disadvantaged populations will definitely benefit 4 points: disadvantaged populations will receive permanent benefit		2	# _ Max 8
<b>Other Environmental Benefits not captured above</b> 1-3 points [this must be clearly defined; be used sparingly and be equally available/applicable to every application]		1	# _ Max 3
<b>Services to public in MS4 community (aesthetics/mental health, recreation, urban tree canopy) or services to non-MS4 community (active recreation or creates asset not typically available.</b> 1 point for each of the three services above		1	# _ Max 3
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		<b>MAX</b>	<b>4668</b>

Commented [DA2]: redundant

Commented [DA3]: Added more examples of how to meet this

Commented [DA4]: Almost any project that retains phosphorus is an ecosystem improvement so points should only be earned here if the benefit is measurable.

Commented [DA5]: Overlaps some with Community Support plus given DEC requirements to clearly separate out who is removing the P, this type of project will rarely happen.

Commented [DA6]: Added more examples how to meet this.