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Co-benefits scoring matrix
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Co-benefits of water quality improvement projects	Score (Variable, 0-4)	Weighting (Fixed, 1 or 2)	Score
Hazard Mitigation Benefit 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
Education Benefit 1 point: creation of simple video, powerpoint, storymap, or etc. for permanent hosting on landowner website 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
Ecosystem Improvement (water supply, carbon sequestration, pollutant filtration, pollination, climate regulation) note: WQ improvement is a given Range: 1 point to 4 points: Measurably improves 1 to 4 of the services		2	# _ Max 8
Habitat Improvement (restores habitat and/or connectivity, promotes native species and/or removes non-native species, protects RTE species, protects significant natural communities) Range: 1 point to 4 points: Improves 1 to 4 of the services		2	# _ Max 8
Environmental Justice (engagement, honors knowledge, access to clean water & food, protects sacred resources) for Vulnerable communities 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
Community Support 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 in permanent role (e.g. housing group, Boy Scouts, School, etc.)		2	# _ Max 6
Other Benefits not captured above (e.g. aesthetics, mental health, recreation/tourism, also aids permit compliance by municipality or non-profit, etc.) 1-4 points [these must be clearly defined and be used sparingly.]		1	# _ Max 4
Note: some co-benefits are only achievable if the applicant secures or provides other sources of funds. The primary purpose of grant funding provided by the CWSP is and must be phosphorus reduction.		Score >> MAX	 50