## Town of Windham Watershed Protection Grant Program Application Evaluation Rubric



Project Title:	Evaluator:
Applicant:	Date:

Evaluation Criteria	Evaluation Scale					Points
Is the project eligible and an approved project-type for grant?	Yes			No		
Is project application complete? (i.e. materials checklist)	Yes			No		
Quality of Proposal						
Does Section 2: Project Information showcase that project is detailed and thoughtful?	1	2	3	4	5	/ 10
Does project have accurate & defensible budget?2	1	2	3	4	5	
Priority/Impact		•			•	
Does project directly address sites identified in a watershed management plan/protection plan?3	3	5	10	15	20	/ 40
Will project improve or preserve water quality, wetland, riparian areas or endangered species habitat?4	3	5	10	15	20	
Experience, Expertise & Likelihood of Success						
Does application identify personnel that will ensure success of project (i.e. experienced project coordinator, technical expertise)?5	2	4	6	8	10	
Does the application outline who and how the project will be successfully maintained and monitored? For design, construction or improvement of stormwater BMP projects, does application include maintenance plan/agreement that will be implemented following project completion?6	3	5	10	15	20	/ 40
Is the project shovel-ready?7	Yes (10)			No (0)		
Community Buy-In, Resources & Partnerships						
Does application identify project commitment? (i.e. landowner, lake association, road association, state agencies, non-profits)8	1	2	3	4	5	/ 10
Does project promote sharing of equipment, knowledge, etc.?9	Yes (5)			No (0)		
Total Points						/ 100
Emergency	1					1
Is the project a response to an urgent environmental event? <sub>10</sub>	Yes (25)			No (0)		

## **Additional Comments:**

## **Evaluation Metrics:**

- <sup>1</sup> Detailed and thoughtful applications should outline project objectives, benefits, carefully considered timeline and scope, communication with stakeholders (i.e. landowners, road associations, state agencies, non-profits)
- <sup>2</sup> Accurate and defensible budgets should establish projects costs. Costs can include, but are not limited to:
  - Supplies and materials (i.e. riprap, erosion control, pipe, material removal bags, whirl Pak bags
  - Product costs (i.e. designs, permits, inspections)
  - Equipment (i.e. grader, excavator, dredging equipment, water quality testing equipment)
  - Contracted Services (i.e. technical consultation)
  - Wages (i.e. volunteer hours, contractor, dredge operators)
  - Monitoring (i.e. project management)
  - Administration (i.e. costs for administering grant or fiscal management)

These categories are encouraged, but not required to fulfill the evaluation criteria.

- <sup>3</sup> Application identifies projects from watershed management plan, watershed survey or program that protects and preserves watersheds in Windham.
- <sup>4</sup> Application identifies projects within priority watersheds that protect and preserve water quality, wetland, riparian areas or endangered species habitat.
- <sup>5</sup> Application identifies project coordinator, committee, association that has prior experience. Application identifies technical expertise (i.e. engineer, watershed specialist, conservation district) that advises in project management.
- <sup>6</sup> Application identifies mechanism, agreement, program that ensures project will be maintained and monitored following completion. For design, construction and stormwater BMP improvement projects, a maintenance plan/agreement is included in application.
- <sup>7</sup> Application incorporates engineer plans, landowner approval agreements, matching fund commitments, etc.
- 8 Application identifies project commitment. This includes commitment from:
  - Lake Association and/or;
  - Road Association and/or:
  - Landowner and/or;
  - State agencies and/or;
  - Non-profits and/or:
  - Other
- 9 Application identifies sharing of equipment, knowledge and other resources with other entities.
- 10 Application identifies project is response to an urgent environmental event (i.e. weather).