567—91.11(455B) General nonpoint source projects rating system.

91.11(1) *General nonpoint source projects rating criteria.* The general nonpoint source rating criteria consider the use classification of the receiving waters, water quality of the receiving waters, the project benefits and a tiebreaker. Priority ranking for the projects is based on the total points awarded for all the categories. The greater total number of points, the higher the ranking.

a.   Use classification of receiving waters. This category addresses the receiving water use classification that would be improved or protected by the proposed project. Points shall be awarded and shall be cumulative for all designated use classifications of the receiving stream.

Use and Classification	Points
Outstanding national resource waters (proposed water use)	50
High quality waters	40
High quality resource waters	20
Class A1 waters	50
Class A2 waters	45
Class A3 waters	45
Class C waters	40
Class B (CW1) waters	50
Class B (CW2) waters	30
Class B (WW) waters	30
Class B (LW) waters	35
Class B (LR) waters	25

b.   Water quality of receiving waters. This category addresses the quality of water in the receiving stream and whether or not the water has been designated as impaired for some uses. Bodies of water that are impaired by pollutants are identified as Section 303(d) waters. The Section 303(d) list of waters also identifies probable pollutant source categories for these impairments. Projects that primarily impact these waters are awarded points if the water body that receives or could receive the discharge is included on the Section 303(d) list and the probable pollutant source is a nonpoint source. Waters are also identified in the Section 305(b) report on their use attainment status. Projects that primarily impact these waters are awarded points depending on the use impairment identified for the water body that receives or could receive the discharge. If no use impairment is identified, the fully supporting status points will be awarded. Points will be awarded for both sections and then totaled for this category.

Indication of water quality	Points
A	
Section 303(d) listed water	
Identified as probable source or contributing to problem: Nonpoint source (if nonpoint sources are not the probable source of pollution, the following points are to be used)	100
High rating for TMDL development	90
Medium rating for TMDL development	80
Low rating for TMDL development	70
B	
Section 305(b) status	
Fully supporting	10
Fully supporting/threatened	20
Partially supporting	30
Not supporting	40

c.   Project benefit. This category incorporates several factors including type of project and the relative level of the impact on the environment. Points for only one benefit shall be awarded: when a project has more than one significant benefit, the benefit with the highest point value shall be used.

Benefits	Points
Implementation of TMDL plan	40
Eliminate pollution source discharging to:	
● Cold water stream	40
● Publicly owned lake	38
● Class C drinking waters	35
● Other surface waters	28
● Disinfection of wastewater	12
Eliminate pollutant source to groundwater	37
Eliminate or reduce public health problem	25
Protect, improve or expand wetlands area	31
Project improves lake habitat and water quality	26
Project improves stream habitat or eliminates hydromodification degradation	29
Urban storm water control program in non-MS4 area	5
Gain control of land needed to protect or improve water quality	15

d.   Total points. Total points are calculated using the following formula:
Total Points = Use and Classification + Water Quality (A) + Water Quality (B) + Project Benefits

e.   Tiebreaker. Two or more projects may receive the same total priority points on the fundable list. If sufficient state revolving loan funds are not available to fund the projects, ties will be broken by determining which project has the highest score in each category in the following order:

• Water Quality of Receiving Streams (A)   Highest

• Water Quality of Receiving Streams (B)   ↕

• Use and Classification

• Project Benefits   Lowest

91.11(2) Reserved.

91.11(3) *Nontraditional projects.* Nontraditional projects are those in which the primary purpose of the project is other than to improve or protect water quality. Applications may be submitted for nontraditional projects. The applications will be scored using the general nonpoint source projects rating criteria. The traditional projects will be given first priority. If sufficient funds remain in the general nonpoint source set-aside, the nontraditional projects will be listed on the fundable list in priority order after all of the fundable traditional projects are listed.