Appendix D
Priority Points Evaluation Worksheet for the State Revolving Loan and Grant Program

PRIORITY POINTS EVALUATION WORKSHEET FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAM

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For more details on priority criteria, please refer to the Rules governing this program available on our website: www.nccgl.net

PRIORITY ORDER OF FUNDING PROJECTS:

Applications will be assigned a category and funded in order as follows:

1) Category 1: Project that improves a system that is not in compliance with permit requirements, under orders, experiencing I/I, or replaces failing septic tanks **and** applicant has submitted final plans and specifications
2) Category 2: Project that improves a system that is not in compliance with permit requirements, under orders, experiencing I/I, or replaces failing septic tanks **and** applicant has not submitted final plans and specifications
3) Category 3: All other applications

The following priority points will be used to rank each applicant within each category:

COMMON CRITERIA POINTS FROM THE GENERAL STATUES

Conservation or Reuse of Water (maximum 6 points):

1) Applicant has a continuing I/I program	2	
2) Appllicant has established a water conservation incentive rate structure	2	
3) Created incentives for low flow faucets, shower heads and toilets	1	
4) Applicant has a water reclamation or reuse system	2	

Comprehensive Land Use Planning (maximum 6 points):

1) Steps taken toward adoption of a comprehensive land-use plan	1	
2) Adopted comprehensive land-use plan	2	
3) Land-use plan exceeds the minimum state standards	2	
4) Land-use plan implemented	2	

Flood Hazard Ordinance (maximum 4 points):

1) Flood hazard prevention ordinance has been adopted for the project	2	
2) Flood hazard prevention ordinance exceeds the minimum standards	2	

Sound Management and Fiscal Responsibility (maximum 6 points):

1) Applicant followed proper accounting and fiscal reporting as reflected in recent audit and is in substantial compliance with fiscal control laws of NC	2	
2) Public wastewater system is fiscally self-sufficient	2	
3) Estimated revenues will provide for future administration, operation, debt and capital outlay and reserve	2	

Financial Need (maximum 5 points):

1) Annual average residential water, wastewater, and stormwater fees exceeds the following percentage of the median household income of the community:		
a) two percent	3	
b) one and one-half percent	2	
2) Formula: 20 times(total indebtedness plus total project cost) divided by the total appraised property valuation (maximum 2 points)	2	

Capital Improvement Plan (maximum 4 points):

Project implements applicant's capital improvement plan as defined in G.S. 159G-23(7)	4	

Coastal Habitat Protection Plan (maximum 4 points):

Project is either in a county not subject to the Plan or implements a recommendation of a Plan as defined in G.S. 159G-23(8)	4	

SUBTOTAL

WASTEWATER PROJECT POINTS

EXISTING CONDITIONS (Max 8 points):

Surface Water Pollution

1) Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO)	8	
2) Wastewater Treatement Facilities (WWTP)	7	
3) Excessive Infiltration and Inflow	6	
4) Collection System / Pump Station / Force Main (*No SSO*)	3	

Stormwater Treatment / Management Facility

1) Addresses / Removes Direct Discharge	8	
2) Other Non-Traditional Stormwater Quality Project	5	

Groundwater Pollution

1) Documented Failing Septics	7	
2) Landfill Leachate Collection / Treatment	7	
3) Other Groundwater Pollution Source	5	

Aquatic / Riparian Habitat and Stream Degradation

Streams, Creeks, and Estuary Restoration	5	

WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT CRITERIA (Max 10 points)

Surface Water Restoration

1) Project benefits a waterbody on the 303 (d) list w / TMDL	8	
2) Project benefits a waterbody on the 303 (d) list *without* TMDL	6	

Surface Water Protection

1) Class "SA" (Shellfish Waters), Class"WS-I" or WS-II (Water Supply Source), Class "ORW" (Outstanding Resource Waters), or "HQW" (High Quality Waters)	10	
2) Class "WS III", "WS IV", or "WS V" (Water Supply Source)	8	
3) Class "B" or "SB" (Bathing Waters)	6	
4) Class "C" or "SC" (Fishing)	4	

Groundwater Protection

Project benefits Class "GA" Groundwater	8	

Universal Stormwater Management Plan

Project implemented in an area where Universal Stormwater Management Plan has been adopted and approved by EMC	2	

SUBTOTAL

BONUS POINTS

Regionalization

Project will provide for or become part of a regional system	2	

TOTAL SCORE