North Carolina Clean Water State Revolving Fund
Draft ARRA Integrated Priority Rating System

Categories (points will be used to determine priority within categories)	
Green Project Category – not less than 20% must be allocated to green projects per ARRA	
Construction Readiness Categories – The ARRA requires a preference for projects that are quick starting (Sec. 1602)	
Category 1 – Projects that are ready to proceed: • Permit issued by March 16, 2009. • Easements obtained by the funding application submittal date. • All other applicable permits obtained by the funding application submittal date. • Any funding by other funding agencies must be committed by the funding application submittal date.	☐
Category 2 – Project that are almost ready to proceed: • Complete permit application submitted by funding application submittal date. • DMCA/FONSI/ROD has been issued or can be issued within 45 days after the application submittal date. • Easements obtained or can be obtained within 60 days of the funding application submittal date. • Permit has been issued or can be issued within 60 days after the application submittal date. • Any funding by other funding agencies must be committed by the funding application submittal date. Funds will not be used for this category until after all Category 1 projects have been funded.	☐
Category 3 – All other projects. Funds will not be used for this category until all Category 1 and 2 projects have been funded.	☐

PROJECT CRITERIA: Pick only highest applicable point item unless otherwise noted	Possible Points
Wastewater Collection and Treatment	
Correct sanitary sewer overflows (SSO) – previously reported	8
Wastewater treatment facilities (NPDES or Non-Discharge) – NOV issued for noncompliance	7
Failing septic systems – documented by local county health department or DEH	7
Excessive infiltration / inflow	5
Collection system / pump station / force main rehabilitation (> *30 yrs. old*)	4
Stormwater /Riparian Habitat and Stream Degradation	
Stormwater BMP implementation that addresses existing sources of pollution	7
Restoration for streams, wetlands, and estuaries	7
Reclaimed Water	
Involves utilization of reclaimed water to replace an existing water use	5
Add Points if under Special Order by Consent or other regulatory compliance schedule	2

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ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS (Max 10 points): Points for either Groundwater or Watershed Information	Possible Points
Groundwater Information (pick only highest applicable point item unless otherwise noted)	
Correct documented violations of groundwater standards for a permitted system (e.g., non-discharge facility, subsurface system, etc.)	7
Other groundwater pollution source	5
Add Points if potable wells impacted	3
Watershed Information	
Surface Water Impairment (pick only highest applicable point item)	
Project directly addresses an impairment for a waterbody listed as impaired on the Integrated Report	8
Project indirectly (i.e., not a specific strategy in a basin plan) benefits a waterbody listed as impaired on the Integrated Report	4
Surface Water Classification / Designations (pick only highest applicable point classification)	
SA, WS-I, WS-II, ORW, or HQW	6
WS III or WS IV	3

FINANCIAL NEED Pick only highest applicable point item unless otherwise noted	Possible Points
The annual average residential cost of water and wastewater fees exceeds 2.0 % of the median household income of the community	3
The annual average residential cost of water and wastewater fees exceeds 1.5 % of the median household income of the community	2
Indebtedness points (regardless of financial need criteria above) *Add: Indebtedness Points:* Formula: (Total Bonded Indebtedness + Total Estimated Project Cost) ÷ Total Appraised Property Valuation	

Additional note: Where projects cannot be ranked by the above point system, additional information in consideration of Sec. 1602 of the ARRA (i.e., quick starting projects and maximize job creation) and the ARRA Conference Report (i.e., target disadvantage communities) will be used to determine which project(s) receive funding. If additional delineation is needed, overall environmental benefit will be used to determine funding.