SECTION A: All Applicants

All applicants should provide responses to questions in this section.

	Eligibility Criteria	Max. Points	Question Details and Documentation Notes
1	**COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN:** • Is the project identified in a Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan that was approved by the applicant? • If not, is the proposed project identified in a Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan approved by any applicable local government? • If not, is the project identified in a Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan that is being developed by the applicant? • Does the project support a goal identified in a Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan approved by the applicant or another unit of government? • Does the project support a goal identified in the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan?	N/A	Provide plan name, copy of cover page, and page number/chapter reference. For projects that support a goal of the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, please identify the specific goal(s) supported by the proposed project.
2	**LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN** (Acquisition Projects Only): The applicant has a plan for long-term management of the property that preserves and enhances its conservation and/or recreational value.		Submit copy of management plan. For local governments, this information may be included in the CORP, parks management plan, or other document.
	Tie-breaker Questions	**Max. Points**	**Question Details and Documentation Notes**
3	**GREEN TIER:** The applicant is a Green Tier community.	0.1	See the Community and Population Information at the end of these guidelines for a list of designated Green Tier communities. All Legacy Communities are eligible for this tie-breaker point. Clear Waters Initiative Communities are eligible for this tie-breaker if the proposed project will benefit water resources.
4	**RAILROAD CORRIDOR:** The project will acquire or develop an abandoned rail corridor for outdoor recreation.	0.1	
5	**ACCESS TO OTHER OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES:** The proposed projects provides access to other existing developed outdoor recreation facilities, such as campground, fishing pier, local park, etc.	0.5	Provide documentation that shows the relationship between the proposed project and the existing facility(ies).
6	**SAFE ACCESS:** Users have an existing opportunity for safe and legal parking and access to the project site.	0.1	Projects that provide access only via roadside parking would not receive points for this question.

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	Ranking Questions	**Max. Points**	**Question Details and Documentation Notes**
7	**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:** • The applicant has or is developing a comprehensive plan for their local jurisdiction (as defined in s. 66.1001 Wis. Stats.) with provisions that support intergovernmental cooperation. (1 pt.) • The proposed project is supported by or included in the applicant's comprehensive plan. (1 pt.)	2	Provide copies of the cover page and page(s) that describe the subject project. Note: Some communities also refer to their comprehensive plan as a "smart growth" plan.
8	**PLANS OTHER THAN CORP OR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:** • The project is referenced in or supports other applicable plans, such as a local green space plan, integrated resource management plan, riverfront restoration plan, water quality plan, or other applicable plan approved by a governmental unit (including DNR Master Plans or State Trail Plans). (1 pt.) • For land acquisition projects, the proposed acquisition would contribute significantly to the overall success of an urban river project or comprehensive riverway or lake management plan. (1 pt.)	2	Provide copies of the cover page and page(s) that describe the subject project. For acquisition projects, applicants should describe how the proposed acquisition contributes to the success of the plan.
9	**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION:** The project is being developed in close cooperation between two governmental entities or a private-public partnership.	2	Provide plan name, copy of cover page, and page number/chapter reference, if applicable. The partner jurisdiction must have a substantial role in the project, including but not limited to providing match funds, assisting with long-term property management, etc. Letters of support are not sufficient to receive these points. Projects supported by a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district will receive full credit for this question. Regional projects that are being developed cooperatively by multiple governmental entities also will receive credit for this question.
10	**PROJECT COMPLETION AND PREVIOUS GRANTS** • Applicant has successfully completed all previous Local Assistance, RTP, or LWCF grants. (1 pt.) • Applicant has not received a Local Assistance, RTP, or LWCF grant in the past 5 years. (1 pt.)	2	"Successfully completed" projects are those for which an applicant has submitted final completed reimbursement package to WDNR. Applicants should provide a list of applicable grants. RTP maintenance grants are unique and should not be considered when reviewing the status of prior grant projects and grant awards.

SECTION B: Local Assistance & LWCF Eligible Projects

Applicants with a project that is eligible for Local Assistance or LWCF grants should provide a response to these questions. Applicants with a project that is eligible only for RTP grants should answer "N/A" to these questions.

	Ranking Questions	Max. Points	Question Details and Documentation Notes
11	**ECONOMIC BENEFIT:** The project will create opportunities to expand or generate local private-sector outdoor recreation support industries. (1 pt.)	1	Economic benefits must be local and related to the type of outdoor recreation opportunities that the proposed project would provide or enhance. Letters from local business(es) or economic development organization are sufficient documentation to receive this point only if they specifically identify economic benefits of the proposed project.
12	**FINANCIAL SUPPORT:** • Applicant has identified outside funding sources of least 50% of the applicant's proposed matching funds. (1 pt.) • Applicant can demonstrate that matching funds have been budgeted or will be available at the time grant is awarded. (1 pt.)	2	Applicants must provide letters of commitment from local contributors, proof of budget approval, or similar documentation of financial support. Note that Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district funds are considered applicant funds.
13	**PROJECT IMPACT:** • The project is the first of its kind for the applicant. (1 pt.) • The project is adjacent to and supports a recreational resource that draws visitors from statewide. (2 pts.) • The project is located within an approved DNR property acquisition boundary or Stream Bank Protection Program acquisition area. (1 pt.)	4	To receive full points for this question, applicants must provide suitable documentation that supports the statewide nature of the recreational resource. If the proposed project is within a DNR defined acquisition area, applicants must provide a map that shows the subject property relative to the applicable DNR boundary.
14	**NATURAL HERITAGE INVENTORY/HISTORICAL RESOURCES:** • For acquisition projects: Proposed acquisition includes property on the NHI or properties otherwise formally recognized as having significant historical or cultural value. (1 pt.) OR • For development projects: Development plans highlight and protect NHI/historical features on the property. (1 pt.)	1	Provide documentation that the property is included on the WDNR Natural Heritage Inventory and/or narrative description of the location of NHI resources relative to proposed site development plan.

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	Ranking Questions	Max. Points	Question Details and Documentation Notes
15	**UNIQUE NATURAL FEATURES:** • For acquisition projects: The proposed project includes acquisition of land with unique aesthetic/scenic value, natural value, ecological value, unique natural features. (1 pt.) OR • For development projects: The proposed project includes development of recreational opportunities that support unique natural features and/or scenic highways. (1 pt.)	1	Applicant should submit documentation that describes the specific natural features being protected or enhanced by the subject project.
16	**DAM REMOVAL:** The project was identified in or supports goals of a DNR-approved dam abandonment plan. (2 pts.)	2	Provide plan name, copy of cover page, and page number/chapter reference, if applicable.
17	**URBAN POPULATIONS:** The project includes acquisition or development of property in a designated urban/urbanized area or property that is located outside of but which serves a designated urban/urbanized area. (1 pt.)	1	See the Community and Population Information at the end of these guidelines for a list of qualifying urban/urbanized areas. If applicant is not on the list of qualifying urban/urbanized areas, but serves a transient population, the applicant should provide documentation regarding recreational needs of transient populations that would be met by the proposed project.
18	**DIVERSE/SPECIAL POPULATIONS:** The project will serve the documented needs of diverse/special populations in urban areas. (1 pt.)	1	Identify the specific populations that would be served by the proposed project. Provide documentation regarding income, demographics, etc. of the applicable population. Note that serving nearby schools is not sufficient to qualify for this point.
19	**WATER ACCESS:** • The project will significantly improve or expand existing water access for water-based outdoor recreation. (1 pt.) OR • The project will provide water access where none is currently available in the applicant's jurisdiction. (2 pts.)	2	Water access includes frontage on rivers, streams, lakes, estuaries, and some flowages.
20	**BROWNFIELDS:** The project involves brownfields redevelopment, as the term is defined in s. 23.09(19)(a)1, Stats. (2 pts.)	2	

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	Ranking Questions	**Max. Points**	**Question Details and Documentation Notes**
21	**NATURE-BASED OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES:** After acquisition, the public will be able to conduct all five designated nature-based outdoor activities on the project property. (2 pts.)	2	This question applies to acquisition projects only. Applicants submitting a development project application should answer "N/A" to this question. Nature-based outdoor activities include hunting, trapping, fishing, hiking, and cross-country skiing (as defined in NR 52, Wis. Admin. Code). For acquisition of properties with no water access, applicants should consider fishing as an available activity for purposes of this question.
22	**COMMUNITY GARDENS:** The project will provide land for non-commercial gardening activities within or serving residents of urban areas. (1 pt.)	1	This question applies to acquisition projects only. Applicants submitting a development project application should answer "N/A" to this question.
23	**PROJECT CONTINUITY:** • Applicant has acquired the land for the project without grant assistance. (1 pt.) • Applicant has developed some eligible facilities for the project without grant assistance. (1 pt.)	2	Provide narrative description of acquisition and/or facilities developed, including type of funding used.
24	**PRODUCTS:** Project will use products made in Wisconsin from recycled materials. (1 pt.)	1	Identify products and anticipated vendors.
25	**SUSTAINABILITY:** Project will use sustainable technology. (1 pt.)	1	Applicant should describe the manner in which materials, design, and other project elements promote energy efficiency, waste reduction, or similar sustainability principles.
26	**TIMEFRAME:** Land can be acquired within one year or development can be completed within two construction seasons. (1 pt.)	1	
27	**APPRAISAL:** • The property appraisal is complete. (1 pt.) • Applicant has a signed offer-to-purchase or option. (1 pt.)	2	Applies to land acquisition projects only. Applicants with development projects should answer "N/A" for this question.
28	**CONNECTIVITY:** • The applicant will acquire or develop a segment of a linear corridor that connects open natural areas, city parks, water trails, or similar outdoor recreation amenities or serves as a buffer between outdoor recreation property and land with potential for urban development.	2	Provide a narrative description of the relationship between the proposed project and the linear corridor. Applicants are encouraged to include a map that highlights the location of the proposed project relative to linear corridor/state trail.

SECTION C: RTP Eligible Projects

Applicants with a project that is only eligible for RTP grants should provide a response to these questions. All other applicants should answer "N/A" to these questions.

	Ranking Questions	Max. Points	Question Details and Documentation Notes
29	***RTP PROJECT TYPE:*** • Rehabilitation (8 pts.) • Maintenance (7 pts.) • Development (3 pts.) • Acquisition (1 pt.)	8	Applicants with a project that consists solely of trail support facilities should answer "N/A" for this question. Projects that include more than one activity type will receive the highest type score, not a combination.
30	**YEAR ROUND USE:** Project includes facilities for year-round use. (1 pt.)	1	
31	**NUMBER OF COMPATIBLE USES:** • The project would provide opportunities for three compatible recreational uses on the trail. (1 pt.) OR • The project would provide opportunities for four or more compatible recreational uses on the trail. (3 pts.)	3	Trailhead-only projects are not eligible for these points. Compatible uses can include a mix of motorized and nonmotorized uses (e.g. hiking, bicycling, in-line skating, equestrian use, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, off-road motorcycling, all-terrain vehicle riding, four-wheel driving, or using other off-road motorized vehicles).
32	**RESOLVES CONFLICTS BETWEEN USERS:** Proposed trail project will resolve conflict between historically conflicting trail uses. (2 pts.)	2	Typically, user conflicts are resolved via development or acquisition projects, not rehabilitation or maintenance. Resolution may occur through trail design, timing of allowable uses, development of separate trails for different use types, etc. Applicants must provide documentation regarding historical user conflicts on the existing trail.
33	**TRAIL SAFETY:** The sponsor has the ability to ensure enforcement and safety for trail users, either directly or through cooperative agreements with non-governmental organizations or other governmental units. (2 pts.)	2	Applicants may receive points for this question if the applicant patrols the trail or if the applicant has a written trail patrol agreement with another non-state entity.
34	**SAFE TRAIL DESIGN:** • Proposed project is located completely off road. (1 pt.) • Proposed project does not contain at-grade roadway crossings. (1 pt.) • Proposed project does not contain any at-grade roadway bridge crossings. (1 pt.)	3	Trailhead-only projects are not eligible for these points. Applicants should provide a map showing the proposed project relative to the overall trail system, roads, and bridges. For full credit on this question (3 pts.), the project needs to be located completely off road with no at-grade road crossings or at-grade road bridge crossings.

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	Ranking Questions	**Max. Points**	**Question Details and Documentation Notes**
35	**LOCAL DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEER SUPPORT:** • Project will include donations of labor, materials, and/or equipment from non-governmental entities. (1 pt.) • Donations comprise 25% or more of the total project cost. (1 pt.)	2	Letters of support are not sufficient to receive points for this question. Applicants must provide letters of commitment from local contributors, proof of budget approval, or similar documentation of financial support.
36	**LONG TERM TRAIL:** Trail project is located on public land or on private land where the sponsor holds a land use agreement with a minimum 25-year duration as of the date of application. (2 pts.)	2	Applicants should provide documentation of land ownership or provide a copy of the applicable agreement.