

## Appendix C - Project Ranking Criteria

Projects are added to the PPL to be funded based on the rules for the CWSRF Program in 567 IAC Chapter 91. Projects will be funded as they become ready to proceed to construction.

The criteria for scoring and ranking CWSRF projects use an integrated approach which allows comparison of Section 212 POTW (publicly owned wastewater treatment works) projects as well as Nonpoint Source (NPS) pollution control projects to gain the highest water quality benefits for the funding available.

Iowa is currently able to fund all projects that are eligible, but the priority system will be available to use in the case the demand for CWSRF loans exceeds supply of funds. In the event that available funds are limited, funding shall be offered to the projects with highest rank on the PPL, subject to the project's readiness to proceed, and shall proceed from the highest project downward, subject to availability of funds.

### PROJECT PRIORITY LIST RANKING CRITERIA

Planning and Design projects are not ranked. Construction projects are ranked based on the DNR's scoring system, described in 567 IAC Chapter 91. Priority ranking for the projects is based on the total points awarded for all the categories; the greater the total number of points, the higher the ranking. The ranking will be done at the time the IUP is prepared and will not be updated during the year.

Subsequent segments of projects funded by CWSRF loan programs of previous years will be ranked at the top; projects ranked in the current year application group will follow.

The priority system for Nonpoint Source Assistance Programs projects will not be implemented until 90 percent of the funds reserved for that program have been allocated and no additional funds are available. If that occurs, ranking will be done at the time that a new project application is received.

### PROJECT PRIORITY LIST SCORING CRITERIA

Eligible CWSRF projects (treatment works and nonpoint source projects) will be scored in accordance with the scoring system described in 567 IAC Chapter 91.

The CWSRF project scoring system assigns points to projects in each of the following scoring criteria:

- A. Use and classification of receiving waters
- B. Water quality of the receiving waters
- C. Protection of groundwater resources
- D. Project type
- E. Project Purpose

All projects will be listed in descending order on the published PPL according to the number of total priority points assigned each project. The tie breaker category (described in 567 IAC Chapter 91) will be used when necessary.