



**Missouri  
Department of  
Natural Resources**

**Priority Points System & General SRF Regulation Stakeholders Meeting Summary  
September 21, 2006**

Based on information gained during the June 14, 2006 meeting, the department prepared a listing of priority point items by major group. The department then prepared a list of elements to be used in determining priority points. During the September 21, 2006 meeting, these lists were provided to the stakeholders for general discussion and ranking by relative importance (**Low, Medium, or High**). The department intends to distribute for comment this draft priority point system and a comparison of projects ranked with both the draft system as well as the current ranking system.

Next meeting:

October 18, 2006  
Lewis & Clark State Office Building  
Gasconade Camp Conference Room

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- I. Watershed
  - a) Impaired waters
  - b) Protection of high quality waters
  - c) Nonpoint source
  - d) Watershed planning
  - e) Regionalization/Consolidation
  
- II. System
  - a) Old infrastructure
  - b) New standards
  - c) CSO & SSO
  - d) Address Non-compliance
  - e) Inflow/Infiltration remediation program
  
- III. Community
  - a) Health & Welfare
  - b) Discourage artificially low rates
  - c) Reward responsible system management and rates
  - d) Income
  - e) Distressed community
  - f) Community size/population
  
- IV. Conservation
  - a) Water conservation
  - b) Energy conservation
  
- V. Other
  - a) Phased projects
  - b) Other program funding

## CWSRF Program

Watershed Points – to improve/protect/enhance water quality.

- Receiving Stream Beneficial Use – Beneficial uses as identified in 10 CSR 20-7.031.
  - Drinking Water Supply H points
  - Cold Water Fishery M points
  - Whole Body Contact H points
  - Secondary Contact M points
  - Cool Water Fishery M points
  - Warm Water Aquatic Life/Human Health – fish consumption M points
  - Industrial L points
  - Irrigation L points
  - Livestock/Wildlife Watering L points
  
- Sensitive Waters – Sensitive waters as identified in 10 CSR 20-7.031.
  - Losing Streams H points
  - Wild & Scenic Rivers H points
  - Metropolitan no-discharge M points
  - Lakes M points
  
- Targeted Waterbodies
  - TMDL has been promulgated and project addresses impact H points
  
  - Waterbody on 303(d) list but TMDL has not been promulgated M points
  
- Proposed project is part of a comprehensive watershed plan L points
  
- Regionalization/Consolidation - Project serves more than one community H points

System Points – Existing/potential conditions (pollution problem) will be addressed by the proposed project

- Elimination of combined sewer, or sanitary sewer overflows H points
  
- Construction of a new or Upgrade/expansion of existing WWTP. H points
  
- Failing Onsite Septic System (Documented water quality degradation/public health problem should be provided) M points
  
- Reduction of documented inflow and infiltration H points
  
- Collection system/pump station M points
  
- WWTP and/or System Rehabilitation M points

### Community Points

- Adequate User charge rates for the Operation and maintenance for the existing wastewater system for the past five years   H   points
- Inflow/Infiltration reduction program has been in place for the past five years   M   points
- Water/Energy conservation plan is in place   L   points
- Median Household Income based on most recent census data
  - ~~MHI is less than 70% of the state MHI~~ ~~L   points~~
  - ~~MHI is less than 80% of the state MHI~~ ~~L   points~~
  - **MHI is less than 75% of the state MHI**   L   points
- Readiness to Proceed – For projects that have submitted a complete engineering report/facility plan and an acceptable debt instrument (including any necessary financial assistance from other state and/or federal funding agencies)  25  points
- **Master Wastewater Plan – For projects that are part of the applicants master wastewater plan**   L   points

### **Non-point Source**

Projects must be consistent with Missouri Non-Point Source Management Plan (319 Plan).

- Untreated/Uncontrolled Runoff – Stormwater runoff from agricultural, suburban, and urban areas such as farms, homes, buildings, roads or parking lots, resulting in flooding of local streams, erosion of streambanks, or increased pollutant transport
  - Stormwater Treatment/Management Facility – A structural device designed to receive stormwater runoff, and to detain it for a period of time in order to reduce pollutant transport and stream erosion.   M   points
  - Agricultural BMP – Conservation practices that protect water and make farms more productive. (Other funding sources e.g. USDA, must be in place.)   L   points

- Landfills – A landfill is any site where the disposal of non-hazardous wastes and/or sludge occurs or has occurred by placing them in or on the land, compacting, and covering with a layer of soil. Proper elements (e.g. capping system, leachate collection system, side slope seepage prevention and control system, monitoring wells) are needed to prevent water quality degradation.   M   points

Groundwater Pollution – Any discharge of a pollutant into groundwater

Groundwater Uses:

- Drinking Water Supply   H   points
- Industrial   L   points
- Irrigation   L   points
- Livestock/Wildlife Watering   L   points

- Failing Onsite Septic System with direct groundwater penetration. (Documented water quality degradation/public health problem should be provided)   M   points

- Leaking Underground Storage Tank   L   points

- Hazardous Waste Site – Water quality contamination or potential contamination from any site accepted in the Voluntary Cleanup Program.   M   points

- Inadequate Landfill Leachate Collection/Treatment -- A landfill is any site where the disposal of non-hazardous wastes and/or sludge occurs or has occurred by placing them in or on the land, compacting, and covering with a layer of soil.   M   points

- Aquatic/Riparian Habitat and Stream Degradation/Restoration

- Streams and Creeks – Aquatic/riparian habitat is a vegetated or potentially vegetated ecosystem along a waterbody through which energy, materials, and water pass thereby providing nutrient recycling and biological diversity.   M   points

## Other

- Project Refinancing – For projects that have completed construction and are applying for financial assistance to refinance or refund the project debt. (Refinancing projects will not be scored in any other area.) L points
- Phased/Segmented Projects – projects that or phased/segmented due to limited funding, or project complexity. (Requires DNR/CWC approval.) 50 points
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