

**Watershed-based Plan and Assessment/Monitoring - Proposal Evaluation Criteria Matrix**

**Eligibility Requirements**

Watershed plan project that develops or updates EPA nine elements	(Y/N)
Project must be consistent with the 2012 Colorado Nonpoint Source Management Plan	(Y/N)
Non-federal matching funds equal to at least 40% of the total project cost are required. Match can be cash and/or in-kind	(Y/N)
The project includes public education and outreach task(s) and product(s)	(Y/N)
The project does not meet a discharge permit requirement(s), including discharge permit application requirements	(Y/N)
The project is not located within sites designated on the EPA Superfund Program National Priority List and for which EPA or responsible parties are carrying out active clean up.	(Y/N)
The current (FY15), correct application materials are used for the project type	(Y/N)
Watershed Plan project application is no longer than 10 pages (excluding exhibits)	(Y/N)
A complete application is submitted, with a completed PIP form and Budget Table	(Y/N)
Application is submitted no later than January 7, 2015, 5:00 p.m. MST	(Y/N)
Application is submitted on-line following the instructions on the bulletin board at www.npscolorado.com	(Y/N)

**Project Prioritization Criteria**

**Criteria for Each Project Implementation Plan Section**

**Point Assignments      Points**

<b>Section 1.0 - Summary Page</b> - All required fields addressed.	Maximum 10 points	10
<b>Section 2.0 - Statement of Need</b> - Need and local support for watershed plan clearly identified; watershed includes impaired segments; focused on Total Maximum Daily Load implementation when applicable.	Maximum 20 points	20
<b>Section 3.0 - Project Description</b> - Process for completing and implementing a watershed-based plan outlined; EPA's nine elements addressed; geographic scope adequate to include the majority of the key sources and causes of impairments to the waterbody(ies); all required task items are identified and addressed: evaluation & monitoring, data management, and project administration.	Maximum 20 points if proposal description clearly addresses impaired segment	20
<b>Section 4.0 - Coordination Plan</b> - Sponsor and cooperators capable of implementing the project; roles and contributions are clear, including match accrual; supported by and coordinated with additional federal, state and local funding; local buy-in described; coordinated with other efforts in the area but not duplicative; project sustainability addressed.	Combined with section 7.0 for a maximum of 15 points	15
<b>Section 5.0 - Evaluation and Monitoring</b> - Template completed; strong evaluation approach; Sampling and Analysis Project Plan strategy well defined.	Maximum 15 points	15
<b>Section 6.0 - Budget Table</b> - Table completed, including the timelines; minimum match identified; reasonable allocation of funds to tasks; unit costs identified.	Maximum 20 points	20
<b>Section 7.0 - Public Involvement</b> - Clear process to engage the public and the stakeholders in the water quality/nonpoint source efforts - public meetings, volunteer opportunities, website and social media, newspaper articles.	Combined with section 4.0	*
	Subtotal:	100

**Target Basin and Project Prioritization Points**

Target basin projects scoring 80 or above will receive 10 additional points  
 Priority watershed projects scoring 80 or above will receive 10 additional points

Total: