

Important Information Regarding the Contents of this Document

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Franklin County Conservation District
Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Road Program
Project Ranking Form

Section 1: Application Validation

Check One

- Does this road site negatively impact a stream, lake, wetland or other water body? Yes___ No___
- Will the proposed project reduce environmental impacts to a water body? Yes___ No___
- Is someone from the applying entity ESM certified within the past 5 years? Yes___ No___
- Does the proposed application meet all SCC requirements (non-pollution, pipe size, etc.)? Yes___ No___
- Does the proposed application meet all policies adopted by the local County QAB? Yes___ No___
- LVR Only: If the traffic count is known at this point, is it 500 vehicles per day or less? Yes___ No___

***If any of the above criteria are answered "No", the application is currently not eligible for funding.**

Has the applicant identified and agreed to obtain all necessary permits? Yes___ No___

(All permits must be obtained before a contract is signed for the project. Applicant will have 4 months from the date of application approval to obtain permits. If the permit is not obtained within 4 months, the application approval will be rescinded, the application will be put back for consideration in the next funding round, and the funding will be moved to the next highest ranked application with permits in hand.)

Section 2: Application Ranking

1. The proximity of the road or road section to a stream- **20 possible points** (cross pipes that discharge directly to a stream will be considered a direct discharge (20 points). The condition/stability of the channel will be considered in the vegetative buffer portion of the ranking.

Stream crossing to 50 feet from road= **20 points**

50 feet to 100 feet from road= **10 points**

Greater than 100 feet from the road= **0 points**

Score _____

Page 1 Subtotal_____

2. Vegetative buffer- 20 possible points

Inadequate vegetative buffer/erosion present/unstable banks= **20 points**

Moderate vegetative buffer/minimal erosion= **10 points**

Effective vegetative buffer/no signs of erosion= **0 points**

Score _____

3. Road condition: 25 possible points

Good condition (DGR surface is stable with gravel and stone, LVR pavement is not cracked or very little, road base and ditches are intact) **10 points**

Fair condition (DGR surface is mixed stone, dirt and dust, LVR pavement is cracked and uneven, base is saturated, base is beginning to deteriorate, ditches are somewhat eroded) **20 points**

Poor condition (DGR surface is only dust/dirt, LVR pavement is damaged, base is failing and/or thoroughly saturated, road ditches are severely eroded) **25 points**

Score _____

4. Watershed Quality (based on PA Code Water Quality Standards) - 30 possible points

HQ-CWF/Public Water Supply= **30 points**

CWF=**24 points**

WWF=**18 points**

TSF=**12 points**

Score _____

Page 2 Subtotal _____

5. **Matching Funds**-% of the entity's matching funds/in kind services compared to the requested funds- **10 possible points**

Example: Match Amount \$5,000 ÷ Requested Amount \$10,000 X 100% = 50%

50% x 10 points= 5 points

Score_____

6. **History/Cooperation**- The involvement of the entity in the process and/or their willingness to comply with the program standards. **10 possible points**

Score_____

7. **Permit Process**- **15 possible points**

Permit not applied for= **0 points**

Permit applied for= **5 points**

Permit not required/Permit in hand= **15 points**

Score_____

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Total Application Score_____

*Any tie scores between applications will result in preference given to the lower order stream application i.e., a 1st order stream receives preference over a 2nd order stream etc. In the event a second tie breaker is necessary, preference will be given to the stream with the highest water quality classification. Finally, if a third tie breaker is needed, preference will be given to the application with the higher percentage of matching funds/in-kind services.

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