

CWMTF - Planning Grant PROGRAM CHANGES 2019

The CWMTF application evaluation system (previously known as the Scoring Criteria) is now called the **Application Rating System**.

Planning application guidelines and detailed information on the Planning Application Rating System may be found on the CWMTF website after 12/1/18 at <https://cwmtf.nc.gov/restoration-questions-guidelines-rating-system>

Updates for the 2019 Cycle

The Application Rating System for planning projects has been modified for the 2019 cycle to reflect the CWMTF Board of Trustee's interest in **promoting applications that will protect drinking water supplies and applications that will protect key fishery nursery areas**.

Five sets of changes to the ranking system, all within the **Resource Significance** category:

- 1) **Planning applications will receive points for Resource Significance only for water bodies within the proposed project area or less than one (1) river mile downstream from the project site.** This allows the fund to more closely target significant resources as compared to previous years when downstream classifications as far as 5 miles may have been considered.
- 2) **Water Supply II (WS-II)** has been moved up to the 17-point category. This is the same point value as for Water Supply I (WS-I) and Water Supply Critical Area (WS-CA) watersheds.

The point value for **Water Supply III and IV** watersheds have also been raised from last year's values while the point category. Water Supply V watershed remains unchanged.
- 3) **Primary Nursery Areas** (including **Inland Primary Nursery Areas**), as designated by State agencies, now earns 14-points, an increase in score from last year.
- 4) **Surface Drinking Water Susceptibility Rating of "Higher"** will now receive 11 points, a **reduction in score** from last year. This is due to the broad and widespread distribution of these areas.
- 5) Due to the lack of a clear definition and without a State agency mediator for the category of **"Other impaired waters but not on the 303(d) list"** this designation **will no longer qualify an application for points** as of the 2019 cycle.