

**Illinois Green Infrastructure Grant Program
DRAFT Proposed Grant Priority Criteria – July 15, 2010**

	Description	Priority
	Water Quality	
1	Preserves, restores or enhances the natural hydrology of the area	A
2	Reduces existing impervious surfaces or otherwise increases the overall permeability of the site	A
3	Reduces pollutant load to the stormwater system or a local water body	A
4	Improves water quality in a local source of drinking water	A
5	Significantly reduces the volume of runoff from the site that enters the stormwater collection and conveyance system by increasing infiltration of stormwater into site soils AND/OR using vegetation to intercept, take up and evapotranspire stormwater AND/OR capturing stormwater for reuse	A
6	Improves water quality within a watershed of a Section 303(d) listed stream or impaired stream segment	A
7	Maintains or improves water quality in a stream rated A, B or C for integrity or diversity, OR maintains or improves water quality in a biologically significant stream	A
8	Maintains, improves or restores a waterway that provides critical habitat for a state listed threatened or endangered species	A
9	Utilizes green infrastructure practices to create, preserve, improve or restore buffers for streams or wetlands	
10	Site located within a delineated source water protection area	A
11	Protects groundwater quality	A
12	Reduces volume of stormwater entering a combined sewer system	A
13	Increases capacity, reliability or efficiency of a waste water treatment system	A
	Consistency with Regulations, Permits and Plans	
14	Directly addresses noncompliance issue, whether or not enforcement action has been taken	C
	Addresses requirement or recommendation in an applicable	
15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • stormwater permit 	C
16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • stormwater regulation or ordinance 	C
17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • regional water supply plan 	B
18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • approved amendment to a Facilities Planning Area or modified Section 208 water quality management plan, approved by an agency of competent jurisdiction, in a sub-watershed where discharge or runoff from non-point sources have been identified as causing or contributing to water quality degradation 	B
19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • watershed management plan 	B
20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • county stormwater management plan 	C
21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • local comprehensive plan (water quality objectives) 	C
22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conservation plan 	B
23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • site-specific water quality remediation plan 	C
24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TMDL 	B
	Other Benefits	
25	Eliminates or reduces untreated stormwater runoff	A
26	Integral part of a solution to documented flooding problem	B
27	Reduces water consumption	A

28	Reduces energy usage	C
29	Creates, preserves or restores high quality wildlife habitat	B
30	Creates, preserves or restores recreational open space	B
31	Reduces heat island effect	C
32	Improves air quality	C
33	Provides educational opportunities for local schools, museums, forest preserve districts, community residents, government officials or businesses	B
34	Will generate performance data	A
	Financial Need	
35	Community has a MHI at or below 15% below the Illinois MHI	A
36	Community has a MHI at or below 15% above the Illinois MHI	B
37	There is a direct link between project and job creation in the community	B
38	There is an indirect link between project and job creation in the community	C
	Sustainability and Other Policy Priorities	
39	Located on land with permeability reduced due to pre-existing development (e.g., buildings, paved surfaces and compacted soils)	A
40	Serves brownfields site recognized by the IEPA or USEPA	C
41	Uses recycled materials or otherwise minimizes the use of energy or materials or the waste generated in relation to the water quality and other benefits	C
42	Uses low impact construction technology to minimize impact to the environment	B
43	The community is developing or has adopted a stormwater fee system to help fund stormwater management infrastructure projects	A
44	The community is developing or has adopted an integrated resource plan for water supply, waste water or stormwater	A
45	Leverages other sources of funding	B

Other requirements for applicant:

1. Project must be implemented during growing season and either is shovel ready this growing season or will be shovel ready at the start of the next growing season.
2. Describe other funds that are being leveraged with this requested grant.
3. Copies of the long-term maintenance plan and agreement for the project elements that must be maintained in perpetuity.
4. Documentation of the revenue source for the match.
5. Documentation of the revenue source for the long-term maintenance plan.