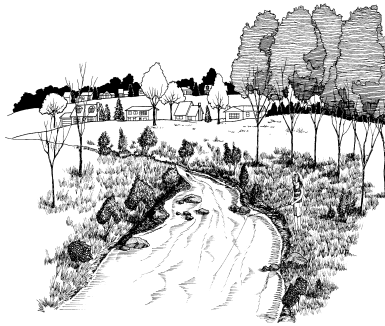


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functions. Construction of BMPs such as storm water detention ponds, streambank and shoreline stabilization, infiltration systems, storm water wetlands, and high-efficiency street sweeping is cost-shared at 50 percent. Land acquisition and acquisition of easements needed to install these practices is also cost-shared at 50 percent. Technical assistance activities such as municipal storm water planning, municipal ordinance development, development of municipal storm water utilities, and development and implementation of information and education programs are cost-shared at 70 percent. BMP design costs may be cost-shared at 50 to 70 percent, depending on the source and availability of funds. The DNR may, if necessary, impose a funding limitation on the amount that can be awarded for any specific project.

Governmental units awarded a grant enter into a contractual agreement with the DNR. Grant recipients must comply with program conditions,

provide any local portion of the project costs they have agreed to cover, and install and maintain all BMPs to which they have agreed for 10 years. A governmental unit using these grant funds to provide assistance to private



landowners is required to enter into a similar contractual agreement with the landowner.

As required by statute, the DNR will select projects for funding by using the competitive scoring system set forth in the rule. The DNR will score and select projects in each year that sufficient funds are available. The scoring system considers the following factors: fiscal accountability and cost-effectiveness; project evaluation and monitoring strategy; evidence of local

support and involvement; consistency with DNR water basin priorities; water quality need; extent of pollutant control; intent to achieve performance standards; consistency with other resource management plans; and coordination with other funding sources. The DNR will increase the project score for any applicant having a strong local storm water management implementation program. Projects will be consistent with DNR priorities established on a watershed or other geographic basis. The project's duration can last up to 2 years, unless the DNR grants an extension (limited to 1 year).

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