

**WWRP Trails Program Evaluation Criteria Changes
 Adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
 February 9, 2016 (Item 6, Attachment G)
 Resolution #2016-08 as amended**

The following evaluation questions were changed/added:

1. Evaluation Criteria Change: Trails and Community Linkages
2. Evaluation Criteria Change: Project Design
3. Evaluation Criteria Change: Water Access, Views, and Scenic Values
4. Evaluation Criteria Change: Wildlife Habitat Connectivity,
5. Evaluation Criteria Change: Remove the bonus point from question #9: Cost Efficiencies
6. Evaluation Criteria Change: Add a new question regarding how the project addresses needs in the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (a SCORP Priorities question).

New Evaluation Criteria (Areas of Change in RED)

Trails Evaluation Criteria Summary				
Score	#	Question	Project Type	Maximum Points Possible
Advisory Committee	1	Need	All	15
Advisory Committee	2	Linkages Between Trails	All	7.5
Advisory Committee	3	Linkages Between Communities	All	7.5
Advisory Committee	4	Immediacy of Threat	Acquisition Combination	15 7.5
Advisory Committee	5	Project Design	Development Combination	15 7.5
Evaluation Team	6	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	All	10
Advisory Committee	7	Water Access or Views	All	3
Advisory Committee	8	Scenic Values	All	7
Advisory Committee	9	Enhancement of Wildlife Habitat	All	5
Advisory Committee	10	SCORP Priorities	All	5
Advisory Committee	11	Project Support	All	10
Advisory Committee	12	Cost Efficiencies	All	5
RCO Staff	13	Growth Management Act Preference	All	0

RCO Staff	14	Population Proximity	All	3
Total Points Possible: 93				

New/Changed Detailed Scoring Criteria: Trails

Advisory Committee Scored

2. **Linkage Between Trails.**¹

Does the trail project connect existing trails?

- Describe to what extent the proposed trail or trailhead links and serves existing trails and trail networks, or will provide potential linkages?
- Does a coordinated plan identify the proposed linkages?
- Does the project enhance a statewide, regional, or community trails network?

▲ Point Range: 0–7.5.

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3. **Linkage Between Communities.**²

Does the trail project connect communities?

Applicants should show how the project will create linkages between communities.

Broadly interpret the term community to include, but not be limited to, the following linkages:

- Neighborhoods, subdivisions, business districts
- Urban and rural areas
- Destinations, such as parks, landscapes, scenic overlooks, schools, churches, libraries, cultural sites, or trail systems.
- Disparate groups of people.

▲ Point Range: 0–7.5.

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¹ Revised Code of Washington 79A.15.070(6)(a)(iv)

² Revised Code of Washington 79A.15.070(6)(a)(iii)

5. **Project Design**

Is the proposal appropriately designed for the intended use(s)? (Development and Combination projects only)

Considerations include, but are not limited to:

- Design consistent with need, and need of intended users.
- Adequate surfacing, width, spatial relationships.
- Design reduces user conflicts.
- Appropriate setting.
- Road and trail crossings well planned.
- Signs and parking provided at trailhead locations.
- Loops and destination of trails.
- Ease and cost of maintenance.
- Realistic cost estimates provided.
- Based on the most current applicable Americans with Disabilities Act or Architectural Barriers Act standard, guidance, or best practice, the design is accessible to the greatest extent possible, given the context and purpose of the trail.
- If trail is adjacent to a roadway, is there adequate separation from the roadway to ensure a quality recreation experience?

Renovation returns the site/facility to its original use and capacity, or expands its capacity and useful life (the need for renovation should not be due to lack of adequate maintenance)?

▲ Point Range

0 points No evidence presented

1-2 points Design does not adequately address the above considerations

3 points Design adequately addresses the above considerations

4-5 points Design addresses the considerations in an outstanding manner

Evaluators award a maximum of 5 points that are multiplied later by 3 for development projects and 1.5 for combination projects.

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7. **Water Access or Views**^{3 4}

Does the project provide direct access to water (physical access by person or boat) or views?

Considerations include, but are not limited to:

- How long does it take to reach the water access?
- What quality is the access (for example, are there obstructions – vegetation, mud, inclines, etc.)?
- What percentage of visitors likely will use the access?
- Does the project provide views?
- How long does it take to reach the view area?

▲ Point Range

0-3 points

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8. **Scenic Values**⁵

Does the project provide scenic values?

How long does it take to reach an area of scenic value?

What percentage of visitors likely will access these?

- Are there scenic values of high quantity and quality?
- How does distance and perspective affect the scenic value?
- How much scenic variety is provided.

▲ Point Range

0-7 points

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9. **Enhancement of Wildlife Habitat**⁶

³ RCW 79A.15.070(6)(a)(vii)

⁴ RCW 79A.15.070(6)(a)(ix)

⁵ RCW 79A.15.070(6)(a)(ix)

⁶ RCW 79A.15.070(6)(a)(viii)

How will this proposal enhance wildlife habitat beyond what may be required by a development or land use authority such as statute, ordinance, permit, rule and regulation, mitigation requirement, etc.?

What are the potential outcomes of your efforts? Why and how will they benefit wildlife?

▲ Point Range 0-5 points

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10. **SCORP Priorities.** How will this project address statewide or regional priorities as described in the Statewide Outdoor Comprehensive Recreation Plan?

▲ Evaluators score 0-5 points.

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12. **Cost Efficiencies.** To what extent does this project demonstrate efficiencies or a reduction in government costs through documented use of donations or other resources?

- Donations – cash, real property, volunteer labor, equipment use, or materials
- What are the donations for this project?
- Who is making the donation?
- What is the value of the donation and how was the value determined?
- Is the donation in hand?
- If the donation is not in hand, do you have a letter of commitment from the donor that specifies what is being donated and when?
- Is the donation necessary for implementation of the project? Are donations included in the project proposal?
- Private grants awarded by non-governmental organizations
- Is there a private grant that is being used as match for this project?
- Who awarded the grant?
- What is the grant amount?
- What is the purpose of the grant?
- When will grant funds be available?
- Are there other efficiencies for this project that will result in cost savings?

- What is the cost efficiency?
- Who is providing it?
- What's the value?
- When was the commitment made and when does it expire?

▲ Point Range: Evaluators award 0-5 points.

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