

Exercise on

Water Funding Task Force Goals and Criteria



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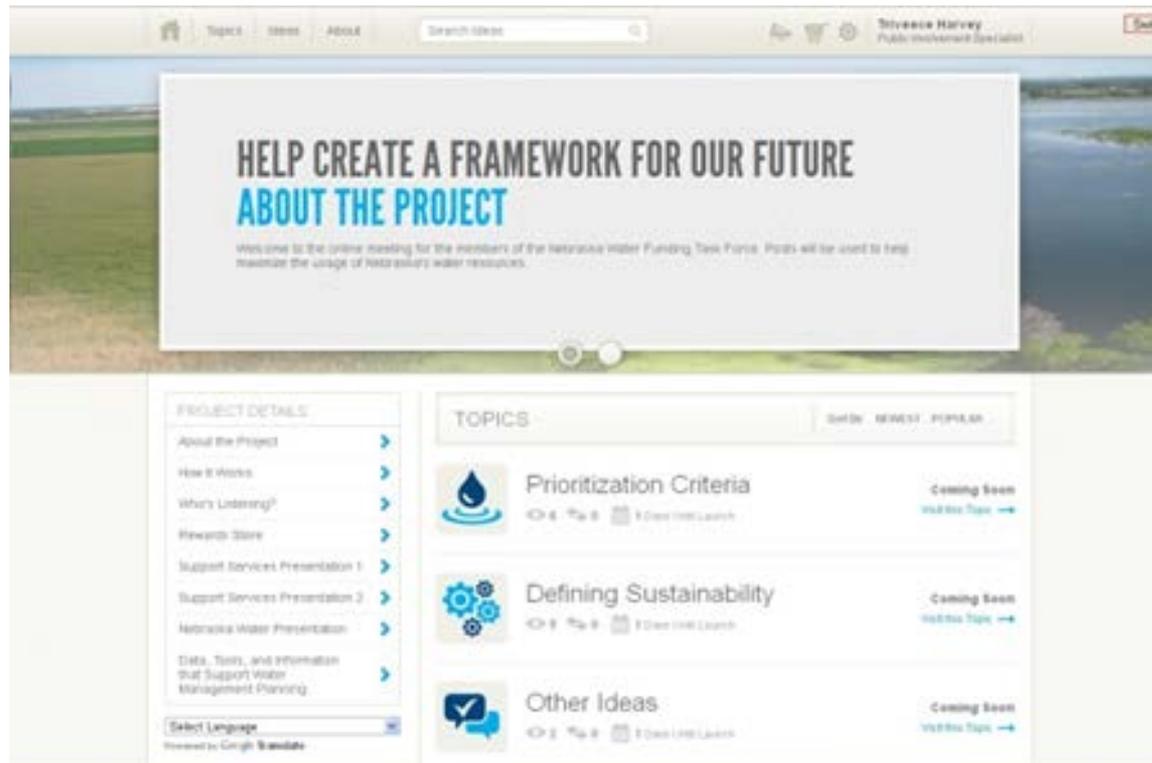
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- A Clear Path To Provide Comment
- Three Current Topics – Live Today



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- Next – Issues Topics for Conversation
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Prioritization Criteria

Which criterion is most important to you?

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Interactions 0
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Your responses will help us create weighting criteria to prioritize water resources programs, projects and activities (PPAs) in need of funding to meet the long-term, statewide goals of water sustainability, increased water-use productivity, and maximize the beneficial use of Nebraska's water resources and second to make recommendations for a strategic plan for funding the PPAs.

How important are PPAs that provide increased water productivity and maximize the beneficial use of Nebraska's water resources?

- Most Important
- More Important
- Neutral
- Less Important
- Least Important

Sustainability Working Definition

- ***“Water use is sustainable when current use does not cause harm to ecosystems, degrade water quality, or compromise the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”***

The Task Force edited the definition to say:

- ***“Water use is sustainable when current use promotes healthy watersheds, maintains water quality and protects the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”***

Our Mission

Nebraska's water resources are finite and must be wisely managed to ensure their continued availability for beneficial use.

- ***Make recommendations for ranking criteria to identify funding priorities;***
- ***Make Recommendations for a strategic plan which prioritizes PPA's in need of funding;***
 - *Research*
 - *Infrastructure*
 - *Integrated Management*
 - *Compliance With Inter-state Compacts*
- ***Make recommendations for legislation on a permanent structure and process through which the PPA's will be provided funding;***
- ***Make recommendations for the annual funding amount and the start date for distribution of funds; and***
- ***Make recommendations for statutory changes relating to regulatory authorities.***

Goals for Criteria

- 1. The PPA provides increased water productivity and otherwise maximizes the beneficial use of Nebraska's water resources for the benefit of its residents;**
- 2. The PPA assists the state in meeting its obligations under interstate compacts or decrees or other formal state contracts or agreements;**
- 3. The PPA utilizes objectives described in the Annual Report and Plan of work for the Nebraska State Water Planning and Review Process issued by the DNR;**
- 4. The PPA has been approved for, but has not received, funding through an established state program;**
- 5. The cost-effectiveness of the PPA relative to achieving the state's water management goals;**
- 6. The PPA contributes to the state's ability to leverage state dollars with local or federal government partners or other partners to maximize the use of its resources; and**
- 7. The PPA contributes to multiple water supply management goals, including, but not limited to flood control, agricultural uses, recreation benefits, wildlife habitat, conservation of water resources, and preservation of water resources for future generations.**

Minnesota Water Sustainability Framework

MINNESOTA WATER
SUSTAINABILITY
FRAMEWORK





Minnesota Legacy Fund

- **Resulted in Four Categories**
 - Outdoor Heritage Fund to restore, protect and enhance wetlands, prairies, forests and habitat.
 - Parks and Trails Fund to support regionally or statewide significant trails and parks.
 - Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund for arts, arts education, and arts access and to preserve Minnesota's history and cultural heritage.
 - **Clean Water Fund to protect, enhance and restore water quality in lakes, rives, streams, and groundwater, with at least 5% of the fund spent to protect drinking water sources.**

Minnesota Legacy Fund

- **Projects are Ranked by Criteria Specific for Various Project Types**

| BWSR Clean Water Assistance Ranking Criteria | Maximum Points Possible |
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| The proposed project demonstrates a high potential of long-term success based on project organization and management structure, partner support and community involvement within the project area. | 20 |
| The outcomes expected upon completion of the project initiatives on the water resources are identified, including a description of the resulting primary and secondary public benefits such as pollution reduction, groundwater or drinking water protection, hydrologic restoration or aquatic health improvements. | 35 |
| The application has a set of specific initiatives that can be implemented soon after grant award. | 20 |
| The proposal is based on priority protection or restoration actions listed in or derived from an approved local water management plan or address pollutant load reductions prescribed in an approved TMDL. | 25 |
| Total Points Available | 100 |

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