

St. Croix County Criteria for Evaluating Growth Management Proposals – Planning/Ordinance Support or Greenspace Protection

St. Croix River Watershed (Required)	Points
• Multiple Communities Impacted (Points per town, village, city)	1 – 35
• 35–64 Highway Corridor (Sphere of Influence)	1 – 3
• Project promotes natural, cultural and historic resource protection	1 – 5
• Project preserves water quality and scenic values	1 – 5
• Feasibility the project would be eligible to obtain additional public/private outside grant funding based on percent match	1 – 5
• Joint projects/partnership coordinated with towns, other local units of government or state or federal agencies	1
Goals/objectives/policies identified in County-Adopted documents:	
○ Comprehensive Plan	1
○ Land and Water Management Plan	1
○ Land Information Plan	1
○ Outdoor Recreation Plan	1
○ All Hazards Mitigation Plan	1
○ Strategic Plan	1
• Identified in Adopted Local Community Outdoor Recreation Plan/Comprehensive Plan	1
• Documented Community Support/recommendation	1
• Support or partnership from Nonprofit or Non-Government Organizations	1
• Environmental benefits of acquiring site or acquiring easement	1 – 5
• Existing resource problems/concerns/threats that could be addressed and environmental benefits.	1 – 5
• Designation as a Primary Environmental Corridor	1
Total Possible Points	74

As additional information regarding shorelands and water quality becomes available these criteria may be revised.

Project Review and Approval

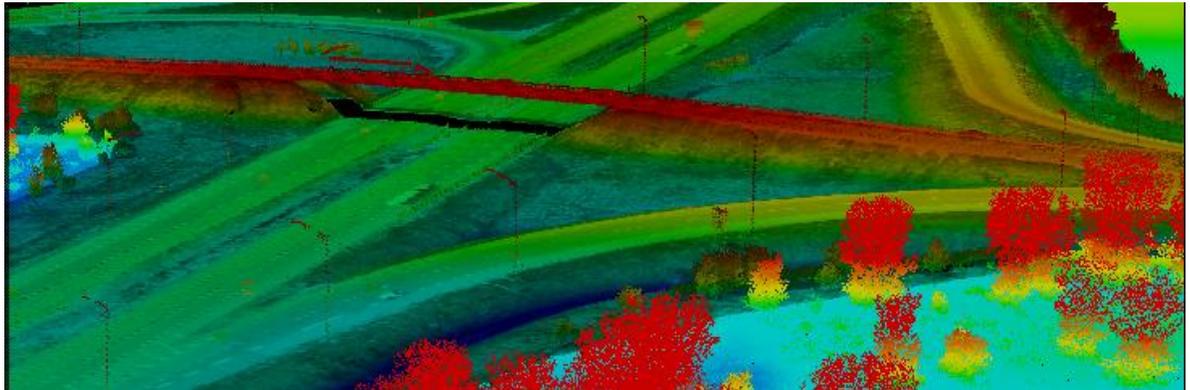
The identified criteria will be utilized to evaluate proposed projects and develop recommendations which will be submitted to the St. Croix County Community Development Committee (CDC) for review. The CDC will also receive input from the Growth Management Advisory Team and the WI Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). The CDC will make recommendations on which projects to pursue for grant funding. Once grant funding is determined, the CDC will recommend projects for implementation and funding to the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors. All final decisions regarding which projects will pursue grant funds and be implemented and funded will be made by the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors. The WDNR will approve funding.

Possible Growth Management Projects:

- County-wide Light Detection And Ranging (LiDAR) Mapping
- Corridor/Area Plan for unincorporated areas along 64 Corridor
- Comprehensive Update to the County Zoning Ordinance Phase 2
- Shoreland Ordinance Lakes & Rivers Classification Study & Standards
- Shoreland Management Manual/Workbook
- Stormwater Management and Erosion Control Ordinance
- Greenspace or Environmental protection ordinance (Conservation Easement Management)
- Stormwater Ponding Long-term Maintenance Agreement
- Feasibility Study on creation of Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Program
- TDR- software development with land records for restricted properties (easements, deed restrictions, identified greenspace protection areas, etc.)
- Farmland Buffering standards
- Study desire/necessity for design standards specifically in future commercial areas/entryways. Development design standards ordinance
- Groundwater Management Zones Inventory(Recharge Areas)/Protection Overlay District
- Historic properties protection standards ordinance
- Demographic study, Market study - Land Use Trends, Scoping study

LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) elevation data will increase the accuracy of watershed modeling results and improve phosphorous reduction strategies. LiDAR data would be a vital component and would serve as the basis for: stormwater planning, bluff land mitigation and restoration, surface modeling, land development, view shed analysis, and transportation mapping. LiDAR mapping would be made available to Federal, State and local agencies. LiDAR data would allow resource management agencies to efficiently plan, accurately model, and respond more quickly to resource management issues.

High accuracy LiDAR captures road alignment, poles and surrounding infrastructure with exceptional detail.



Possible Greenspace Projects:

- Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements/Development Rights to Preserve Farmland
- Acquisition/Development of Bike Pedestrian Trails
- Flood Mitigation Project acquisition, county land
- Flood Mitigation Projects on private land
- Showcase Rain Gardens in watershed communities

- **Update the St. Croix County Parks and Recreation Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, 3-2008**