

Winooski Basin Water Quality Council

DRAFT Co-Benefits Weighting Matrix

Co-Benefit	Weight (%)
1. Environmental Justice (pages 8 – 9, 14 – 15)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Prioritizing Vulnerable Communities b. Involvement of Community Stakeholders c. Honoring Traditional Ecological Knowledge d. Access to Clean Water & Food e. Protecting Sacred Resources & Indigenous Land 	
2. Clean Water & Sanitation (pages 9, 15 – 16)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Reduction / treatment of other key pollutants 	
3. Ecosystem Services & Climate Resiliency (pages 9 – 11, 16 – 20)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Carbon sequestration b. Flood resilience & reduction c. Reduced runoff & erosion d. Supporting native pollinator species e. Promoting biodiversity f. Reduction of aquatic invasive species g. Improving terrestrial & aquatic habitat connectivity h. Addressing high risk areas due to past environmental degradation 	
4. Recreation & Community (pages 11 – 12, 20 – 21)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Inclusive accessibility of natural areas for local communities b. Aesthetics & green space (mental health benefits) c. Increasing outdoor recreation opportunities d. Increasing tree canopy 	
5. Education (pages 12, 21 – 22)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Watershed education & awareness of environmental problems b. Trust between communities, scientists & agencies 	
6. Economic Growth (pages 12 – 13, 22 – 23)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Job creation, retention & workforce development b. Promote sustainable energy practices c. Carbon reduction via Green Stormwater Infrastructure d. Increased property values 	

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