

# Spark Scoring Guidance

Deadline is June 26th at 11:59pm EST

1. Public Benefit and anticipated outcomes	Points Awarded
1a. How was the community negatively impacted by COVID? How does this project address that? (Maximum of 10 points)	0, 5, 10
1b. How will this project contribute to strong healthy communities that promote health and safety? (Maximum of 8 points)	0, 4, 8
1c. What kind of stakeholder and community input did you have? (Maximum of 4 points)	0, 2, 4
1d. Certified Resolution from the highest governing body (Maximum of 2 Points)	0, 2
<b>Section 1 Score (Max of 24 Points)</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Notes</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Provide community specific information and impact to recreation during Covid (e.g. programming, usership, etc.).</li> <li>b. Focus on the project impacts.</li> <li>c. Please provide design input regarding project accessibility under the scoring category for "Access to new opportunities for people of all abilities" next to the appropriate group.</li> <li>d. You must include a signed and certified copy of the resolution in the Spark grant application. The resolution language must include: • Project name • Park name • Amount requested from the Spark program • If applicable, additional funding sources and amounts • Signed and certified</li> </ul>	
2. Access to Project Site	Score
2a. Access to the Project Site: Based upon the geographic location of the proposed project or park entrance, the DNR will determine recreation space per capita. (Maximum of 7 Points) - GIS	0-7
2b. How will the public reasonably access the project site. (Maximum of 7 Points)	0-7
2c. What programs and partnerships currently exist that bring people to your project and activate the space? Example – Summer camp, farmers market, music in the park etc. (Maximum of 3 Points)	0-3
<b>Section 2 Score (Max of 17 Points)</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Notes</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. GIS data is based on geographic location and demographic information only. Additional information will not be considered.</li> <li>b. Modes of transportation (e.g., skateboard, scooter) using the same access are not awarded additional points.</li> </ul>	

<b>3. Financial and Social Considerations</b>	<b>Score</b>
Household income, park density, and health are all important attributes of a strong, healthy community and the basis for the social and financial scoring section. DNR will score this section based on statewide available data and the geographical location of the proposed project. Additional information regarding the criteria is available in the application guidelines. Total of 19 points available and will display in the scoresheet once scoring is complete.	0-19
<b>Section 3 Score (Max of 19 Points)</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Notes</b>	
<i>GIS data is based on geographic location and demographic information only. Additional information will not be considered.</i>	
<b>4. Clarity of scope and ability to execute</b>	<b>Score</b>
4a. Provide your targeted dates for the following project milestones. (Maximum of 10 Points)	0, 5, 10
4b. Are Federal, State and/or Local permits required for the project? (Maximum of 4 Points)	0, 1, 3, 4
<b>Section 4 Score (Max of 14 Points)</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Notes</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Completion dates are requested, not the start date.</li> <li>b. Local permits (e.g., soil erosion, building permits) should be included.</li> </ul>	
<b>5. Access to new opportunities for people of all abilities</b>	<b>Score</b>
5a. Please select what groups you have received feedback from and upload the associated support documentation. (Letters, plan review comments, testimonials, etc.) (Maximum of 5 Points)	0, 3, 5
5b. What specific features make your project unique and can clearly show that input from the above groups has been incorporated? (Maximum of 10 Points)	0, 5, 10
<b>Section 5 Score (Max of 15 Points)</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Notes</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please provide design review(s) of your project.</li> <li>b. Explain how your project incorporates universal and/or inclusive design principles.</li> </ul>	
<b>6. Renovation and Long-term Maintenance</b>	<b>Score</b>
6a1 and 6a2. What type of scope is included for the project? (Maximum of 7 Points)	0, 3, 5, 7
6b. Describe the selection of materials, the way the project is designed, and other features that make it sustainable. (Maximum of 2 Points)	0, 1, 2

6c. What design features or considerations in your project reduces long term maintenance? (Maximum of 2 Points)	0, 1, 2
<b>Section 6 Score (Maximum of 11 points)</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Notes</b>	
<i>a. Points are awarded for scope items listed under “b” for renovation/redevelopment.</i> <i>b. Describe environmentally friendly features are incorporated into the project.</i>	
<b>Total Score (Maximum of 100 Points)</b>	<b>100</b>

\*If you are resubmitting your application, please be sure to reference the scoring number and letter in your additional information page.

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