

**Nature Based Climate Solutions**

**Grant Application Scoring Matrix**

Successful grant applications must specifically address one or more of the six themes of [Nature Based Climate Solutions: An Addendum to the Burlington Open Space Protection Plan](#).

- Forests and Tree Canopy
- Agriculture and Community Gardening
- Water and Wetlands
- Lawns, Fields, and Small Open Spaces
- Green Infrastructure
- Equity, Inclusion, and Relationships

Within one or more of those themes, successful grant applications must achieve one or more of the strategies and actions identified in the Addendum’s Implementation Matrix.

<b>Review Criteria</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Maximum Points</b>	<b>Weighted Points</b>
<b>Demonstration of Need:</b> Does the proposal address urgent environmental challenges included in the framework of the Nature-Based Climate Solutions Addendum?	5	4	20
<b>Alignment:</b> Does the proposal align with the implementation strategies outlined in the Nature-Based Climate Solutions Addendum?	5	4	20
<b>Project Plan:</b> Does the proposal provide strong evidence of careful planning, thought and research?	4	4	16
<b>Community Benefit:</b> Will the project benefit a large and diverse segment of the community?	3	4	12
<b>Project Feasibility:</b> What is the likelihood of successful project planning, implementation, and completion?	3	4	12
<b>Timeline:</b> Will the project be completed within the grant time limit?	3	4	12
<b>Community Support:</b> Do you have matching funds or other evidence of community support? What partnerships or collaborations strengthen your proposal?	2	4	8
<b>Total</b>			<b>100</b>