



**Watershed Characterization Technical Assistance  
Scoring Sheet**

Applications will be reviewed by a team including staff from the Hudson River Watershed Alliance and NYS Hudson River Estuary Program.

**Readiness/Timing:**

*20 points out of 70 total are available for this section.*

- Does the applicant have background/interest in watershed work? Is the applicant working on watershed protection, restoration, or management? (0-5 points)
- Is the applicant planning to use the watershed characterization process and report in a meaningful way? This includes coordinating with other planning processes and building on previous work, if applicable. (0-10 points)
- Are municipalities within the watershed registered or certified Climate Smart Communities? (0-5 points)

**Stakeholder Support:**

*30 points out of 70 total are available for this section.*

- Does the applicant demonstrate commitment from key stakeholders to participate in the advisory committee and watershed characterization process? Is there a diverse range of stakeholders represented? (0-15 points)
- Does the applicant have an outreach plan in place to reach additional advisory committee members and engage the community once the process is underway? Does that plan reflect an inclusive and equitable planning process? (0-10 points)
- Does the watershed include any Potential Environmental Justice areas? (0-5 points)

**Template for Future Planning:**

*20 points out of 70 total are available for this section. The extent to which the watershed represents a useful case study and template for future watershed characterization planning processes may be based on the other applications received.*

- Does the watershed represent a useful case study for a watershed characterization? Are the watershed conditions similar to others in the region, either rural or urban? (Urban and rural watersheds will be defined by Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) and wastewater facilities located within the watershed.) (0-15 points)
- Are local data available to include in the watershed characterization? (0-5 points)

