Urban Runoff 5K Water Quality Contest

Watershed Quality Contest Overview:

In order to promote the implementation of local watershed quality stewardship projects, a portion of the proceeds generated from the Urban Runoff 5K (UR5K) will be awarded back to the community through one watershed quality award of **$1000.00**. Local Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) will have the opportunity to submit specific stewardship proposals that will be judged by the UR5K Planning Committee. The committee is seeking projects focused on Pollutant Runoff Reduction Implementation. Contest entries include any proposed project that involves the implementation/installation Best Management Practices (BMPs) that will improve runoff within a specific watershed. Examples BMPs could include, but not be limited to, rain gardens or other bio-retention basins, tree plantings, downspout disconnection, rain barrels, etc.

Application Guidelines:

Eligibility: The UR5K Prize can be awarded to any Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) that submits an application with a signed Implementation Certification Statement that attest the award money will be utilized to implement the project as submitted in the contest entry form. NGOs can submit proposals for both Watershed Quality Award categories. NGOs are not required to be tax-exempt organizations for eligibility in this contest.

Application Materials: Incomplete application forms will not be considered. The attached application must be completed in entirety, including signed Implementation Certification Statements.

Evaluation Guidelines:

UR5K Planning Committee: The UR5K Planning Committee will be comprised of a single member from the following organizations:

- Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) (*Chairperson*)
- Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry (TDA)
- Metro Water Services (MWS)
- City of Gallatin (COG)
- Tennessee Stormwater Association (TNSA)

Each Watershed Quality Award entry will be evaluated/scored based on the following components:

- Overall Structure/Organization/Quality of the Proposal
- Potential Improvements to Watershed Quality
- Timeframe of Project Implementation

Contest Deadlines: Applications must be submitted prior to **July 22, 2019**. Contest award will be announced during the awards ceremony for the UR5K.

Submission Guidelines:

- Entry must include a team of at least three (3) runners participating in the Urban Runoff 5K
- Entry must include a poster (16x20) illustrating the importance of stormwater management to be displayed along the Urban Runoff 5K route
- Project must be shovel- ready. Implementation must occur before April 30, 2020.

Points	Urban Runoff 5K Green Project Entry Form
_____ / 10 possible points	**Project Description**
	Type of problem addressed, including scope and history of the problem
	Anticipated mitigation results
	Anticipated additional benefits to the property owner and to the community
	Describe in detail the green infrastructure used in this project
	Educational component (this could include educating the property owners and volunteers, featuring the project on social media, signage, etc.)
_____ / 5 possible points	**Implementation Plans**
	Project dates: anticipated beginning date: completion date:
	Who will lead the implementation of the project?
	Volunteers – total number of volunteer hours anticipated in the implementation phase

_____ / 5 possible points	**Maintenance Plans**		
	Outline the first three years of maintenance activities (activities and timeline)		
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
	Who will be responsible for maintenance?		
	Will the NGO be measuring impact and outcomes? If yes, please describe:		

_____ / 5 possible points	**Required attachments:**
	Detailed budget (include donations of materials, tools, expertise)
	Photo of project area showing current problem and diagram of proposed project (can be submitted as the poster)
	Poster
	Registration for three (3) team members for the Urban Runoff 5K
_____ / 25 possible points	**TOTAL Points and Comments:**