ROUND 16 PTNA RANKING CRITERIA

Respond to each of the following criteria in the order provided below. These criteria will be used by the PTNA Subgroup to evaluate, score and rank project nominations. Applicants must respond to each criterion. If a factor does not apply respond with N/A. The total points available for each criterion are shown to the right. Ranking criteria scoring is on a sliding scale.

Point value for assessment questions is provided for information purposes only in order to reinforce the importance of addressing each factor. Nominating entities are not to assign a point value to their responses.

Demand: Provides a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area to meet the demands and changing demographics of residents and visitors.

Factors:

A. The project serves communities or identified populations within communities that have been traditionally and historically underserved in the provision of parks, trails, and natural areas facilities and services.	5
B. The project meets the needs of communities which have faced social/economic barriers that have limited their access or connectivity to healthy natural environments.	5
C. The project is unique and/or significant to the region it is or will be established in.	5
D. The project addresses, remedies or improves public health and safety concern(s).	5
Total	20

Resources: Protects or improves the integrity of resources (community, cultural, educational, environmental, historical, open space, and recreational) while addressing the quality of the human experience.

Factors:

A. The project enhances community, cultural, educational, environmental, historical, open space, and recreational resources.	5
B. The project helps protect existing parks, trails and natural areas, or other natural/cultural resources, particularly where urgent action is required.	5
C. The project utilizes a sustainable design, particularly with regard to the conservation of energy, water and materials.	5
D. The project protects and enhances the quality of the human experience by fostering an interaction with an increased understanding and appreciation of the natural environment.	5
Total	20

Connectivity: Promotes connectivity that links people to nature and to recreational opportunities, and unites important places across the landscape.

Factors:

A. The project enhances physical connectivity or access to or within a regional/local park, trail, or natural area, and/or federal lands.	5
B. The park, trail, or natural area is part of an approved regional or local plan. (If no formal regional/local approved plan describes the planning process.)	5
C. The project is integral in creating a comprehensive system of parks, trails and	5

natural areas.	
D. The project serves as an educational/interpretive bridge to connect people to the outdoors.	5
Total	20

Cost and Value of Investment: Evaluates, describes and considers the costs and benefits of the project.

Factors:

A. The projected deliverables, budget, associated costs, and phasing considerations of the proposal are stated and justified.	5
B. Public demand/use vs. investment required (i.e., service area/radius, communities benefited) is reasonable and is clearly identified.	5
C. The design or approach of the project minimizes future maintenance and/or replacement costs to the extent possible for the type of project.	5
D. Has identified committed non-SNPLMA sources of funding or in-kind contribution in the development and/or implementation of the project (i.e., financial, volunteerism).	5
Total	20
Grand Total	80