# Drinking Water Source Protection

**DWSP Evaluation Criteria:**
**OAR 695-048-0110**

OWEB Climate-Related Evaluation Criteria described in OAR 695-005-0045:

(1) How engagement with, and input from, local communities disproportionately impacted by climate change has informed or will inform the project.

(2) How changing climate conditions are incorporated into the project and how the project will contribute to durable adaptation and resilience for ecosystems, including human communities.

(3) How consideration of greenhouse gas emissions or long-term carbon sequestration or storage has informed the project.

Preference for longer-term agreements (applies to non-fee simple)

Duration & type of Protective Instrument

Degree & urgency of risk to the land & associated Drinking Water Source Area if not implemented

Significance of the land protection to drinking water sources with respect to:

Sensitive areas, potential pollutants, potential sources of pollution identified in Source Water Assessment

Applicant and/or Holder capacity & experience for ongoing management & stewardship

Small population size

Lower income population

Rural population

Economic distress of Water Supplier due to at least one of these factors:

**Each circle is equally weighted**

Implementation of or plan to develop a long-term management plan, or justification as to why it is not necessary for non-fee simple

Seasonal variations in number of users

Drought or low water supply

Extent of risks to water quality

Impacts to Water System by at least one of these factors:

Strength of technical, legal & financial aspects of real estate transaction

Project readiness, including:

Ability to complete transaction & due diligence within grant timelines

Quality of due diligence

*For projects in Partnership with Holders*

Clearly defined & documented partnership including respective roles & responsibilities

Partnership mission in support of protection or restoration of natural resources and/or drinking water

Capacity & resources for long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement

**How to read this:** Circles are the primary criteria; color-coded squares connected by arrow to circles are related sub-criteria.

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