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Content Scoring Guide

Score up to 3 BONUS POINTS for including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
1pt: Mentions the SDGs
2pts: Provides some detail on what goal(s) the solution will contribute to.
3pts: Clearly addresses what goals the solution will contribute to including specific SDG targets.

Student(s) Name/Code:	Project Name:

Check 'Star' if idea is a Gem

SDG Bonus Points	_____
Excessive Length Penalty (minus 2 points)	_____
45 pts *Worth 35% of final score*	

INNOVATION						
Minimal		Adequate		Impressive		
0	1	2	3	4	5	Value
• Identifies a minor local issue with existing techniques in a common application.		• Identifies an important local environmental issue. • Uses existing techniques in a new application.		• Identifies a substantial environmental issue: local, national or international. • Uses a new approach or an existing technique in a highly creative manner.		
ENVIRONMENTAL POTENTIAL						
0	2	4	6	8	10	Value
• Solution has little or no environmental improvement.		• Solution has positive environmental improvement but may be difficult to repeat in other places of the watershed.		• Solution could result in a clear environmental improvement and could easily be repeated in other places in the watershed.		
COMPREHENSIVE SCOPE AND COMMUNICATION						
0	2	4	6	8	10	Value
• Common knowledge has been applied. The proposal presents a basic understanding of the problem and its solution. • No clear introduction or conclusion. • Little to no sources or research of the local watershed.		• The project has an adequate degree of vision and complexity. • Has an introduction, body, and conclusion but flow between ideas is weak. • Several sources provided. Some research of the local watershed.		• The project thoroughly reflects a deep understanding of the local watershed and the issue, its solution, and complexity. • Introduction, body and conclusion are captivating, flow smoothly and are well-balanced. • Many sources cited throughout proposal. Extensive research		
BUDGET						
0	1	2	3	4	5	Value
• No costs of project have been mentioned or values mentioned appear unrealistic.		• Costs of the project have been analyzed. Values appear accurate but a few costs may be missing.		• A detailed budget has been included. Values appear accurate and all encompassing.		
REALISTIC SOLUTION						
0	2	4	6	8	10	Value
• Project may not adhere to existing laws. • This project is unlikely to be implemented. • Little to no evidence that steps have been taken to implement.		• Project complies with existing laws. • This project is likely to happen at the local level. • Evidence is provided that this project MIGHT be implemented however, specific dates, times, locations etc are missing.		• Project complies with existing laws and avoids undesirable side effects. • This solution is highly practical and may benefit other watersheds. • Evidence is provided that this project has been or will be implemented within one year.		
VISUALS						
0	1	2	3	4	5	Value
• Visuals are incorrect, unattractive or ambiguous. • Visuals do not add new information.		• Some visuals are used, but are not clearly explained. • Visuals support the project.		• Visuals are unique, appealing, descriptive, and accurate. • Visuals significantly enhance the idea, such as PowerPoint, videos, displays, poems or charts.		

Judges please provide feedback below. Your comments may be sent to the contestant.

One thing you did well:

One improvement:

Judge's Initials: