

COUNTY _____

RECOMMENDED AREAS FOR ACTION – FEEDBACK FORM

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These recommended Areas for Action under the River Basin Management Plan 2018- 21021 have been selected through an assessment process following scientific best practice by the Environmental Protection Agency, Local Authorities and a wide range of public bodies.

Additional resources to target these areas for action will support the ongoing activities of Local Authorities, public bodies and communities working on a catchment scale for the protection and improvement of our natural waters.

If you believe a waterbody that you are familiar with meets the selection criteria, please let us know by completing the form below.

1. Waterbody name _____
2. Location and County _____
3. Reason(s) why you believe the waterbody should be considered for inclusion in the list of Areas for Action.

Please return completed forms directly to your Local Authority Contact or Community Water Officer. For further assistance call 0761 06 5262. Deadline for receipt of feedback forms is two weeks from date of Consultation.

Selection process to identify the Recommended Areas for Action

1. The following draft River Basin Management Plan priorities were considered:

- Ensure full compliance with relevant EU legislation
- Prevent deterioration
- Meeting the objectives for designated protected areas
- Protect high status waters
- Implement targeted actions and pilot schemes in focus sub-catchments aimed at (i) targeting water bodies close to meeting their objective and (ii) addressing more complex issues which will build knowledge for the third cycle.

2. The following common sense principles were considered to maximise multiple benefits to society.

- **Fair distribution:** All local authorities should be engaged in implementation of tasks to some degree and the overall work plan should address **all** pressure types.
- **Headwaters first:** Where there are issues in a river system, actions should be first taken in the headwaters, as they will support positive downstream impacts. Improvements downstream are more difficult to achieve if the headwaters are not addressed first.
- **Address multiple pressures together:** Where work is planned already (e.g. Irish Water Capital Investment Programme) other pressures in the same water body should be addressed at the same time to leverage the positive impact of the planned work.
- **Subcatchment projects:** Where issues exist within multiple water bodies in the same subcatchment, these should be addressed wherever possible at the sub catchment level rather than at water body level as an efficient means of achieving outcomes in a greatest number of water bodies.
- **Build on existing programmes and community group initiatives:** Leverage existing projects and community engagement to achieve greater synergies.
- **Build on water quality improvements that are already occurring:** Build in areas where water quality is already improving (e.g. improving nutrient trends or improving ecological status (Poor to Moderate), alternatively seek improvements in subcatchments where some water bodies have already improved).
- **Quick wins and longer term challenges:** Areas should be chosen to (i) target water bodies where evidence suggests they could achieve status improvements during this cycle; and (ii) progress pilots in subcatchments with more complex issues.