Program Year (PY) 2020 Applicant Workshops:
- Thursday, July 18, 2019
- Thursday, July 25, 2019
AGENDA

1. Overview of the Clean Ohio Greenspace Conservation Program
   - Program Implementation
   - Purpose
   - Types of Projects
   - District One Results

2. District One Greenspace Conservation Program and Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC)
   - Program Funding
   - Applications
   - Evaluation Methodology
   - PY 2020 Schedule

3. Q&A
CLEAN OHIO

- The Clean Ohio Fund, started in 2000, restores, protects, and connects Ohio's important natural and urban places by preserving
  - Green Space,
  - Farmland, and
  - Developing State-wide Recreational Trails.
CLEAN OHIO

- Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program preserves:
  - Open spaces,
  - Sensitive Ecological Areas, and
  - Stream Corridors.
Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program is administered by the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC).

19 Natural Resource Assistance Councils (NRAC) Districts in State.

Cuyahoga County is District One.
CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

OPWC

- Oversees Infrastructure and the Clean Ohio Conservation Program.
- Approves NRAC methodologies.
- Gives final approval of recommended projects.

DOPWIC

- District One Public Works Integrating Committee (DOPWIC)
- Appoints Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC) members.

NRAC

- Implements Clean Ohio Conservation Program in Cuyahoga County.
- Develops project selection and evaluation methodology.
- Selects projects for funding and makes recommendations to OPWC.
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PURPOSE

A Unique Opportunity to Advance Conservation Efforts to

- Preserve Open Space
- Protect Riparian Corridors
- Protect Rare, Threatened or Endangered Species
- Support Open Space Planning
- Preserve Wetlands
- Preserve Streamside Forests, Natural Stream Channels and Floodplains

Forest Bank on the Chagrin River
TYPES OF PROJECTS

OPEN SPACE

- Acquisition of open space
- Acquisition of land or rights in land, such as conservation easements
- Construction or enhancement of facilities on acquired property
- Acquisition or enhancement of land to connect natural area corridors
OPEN SPACE PROJECTS

Rocky River East Branch: Heron Rookery
OPEN SPACE PROJECTS

Forest Ridge Preserve and Forest Ridge Preserve Expansion
TYPES OF PROJECTS

RIPARIAN CORRIDOR

- Fee simple acquisition of lands to provide access to riparian corridors or watersheds.
- Acquisition of easements for the purpose of protecting and enhancing riparian corridors or watersheds.
- Reforestation of land or the planting of vegetation for filtration purposes.
RIPARIAN CORRIDOR PROJECTS

Euclid Railroad – Green Creek Corridor
RIPARIAN CORRIDOR PROJECTS

West Creek Confluence Project
CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION PROGRAM
District One

2000-2019:

- 118 projects submitted
- 76 projects funded
- $45.6 million awarded

Area protected:

- 2,152 acres of natural areas and greenspace
- Over 51,000 lineal feet of riparian corridors
DISTRICT ONE GREENSPACE
CONSERVATION PROGRAM

East Branch Rocky River
Heron Rookery

Solomon’s Seal wildflower
at Beecher’s Brook
PROGRAM YEAR 2019 FUNDING

Funds Available:

- PY 2020 Allocation $3,324,704
- PY 2019 Balance $189,523
- Total $3,514,227
FUNDING

Grant program:

- Maximum award: 75% of total project cost
- 25% local match required
  - Contributions of money from individuals, local or federal government.
  - Contributions in-kind through the purchase or donation of equipment, land, easements, labor, and materials.
- Appraised value of property.
ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Local Subdivisions
  - Counties
  - Cities
  - Villages
  - Townships

- Special Districts
  - Soil and Water Conservation Districts
  - Park District/Authority

- Non-Profit Corporations
  - Exempt from federal income taxation
  - Has conservation activities as a primary part of its mission
ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Acquisition Expenses
- Planning and Implementation
- Site Enhancement or Restoration

Mill Creek Conservation Project
INELIGIBLE PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Acquisition of land for active recreation
- Flood control projects (dams, dredging, etc.).
- Projects where stormwater management is the primary purpose.
- Administrative Costs
OPWC POLICIES – PROGRAM YEAR 2020

- Project acquisition must be completed 1 year from the date of the Project Agreement.

- Projects must be concluded within 2 years from the date of acquisition.

- Appraisals must be performed by an Ohio Department of Transportation Prequalified Appraiser who is credentialed in value analysis.
MINERAL RIGHTS

- Existing oil and gas leases will be treated as pre-existing easements.
- Requests to engage in oil and gas leasing on Clean Ohio Properties will be denied.
- Oil and gas activities on Clean Ohio Properties acquired with a third party holding the mineral rights will be dealt with on a case by case basis.
DISTRICT ONE NRAC APPLICATION
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- Relates directly to OPWC Policies and the NRAC Evaluation Methodology.
- Used along with the OPWC Application to review projects.
- Applicant is responsible for making sure all documents are complete, accurate and submitted by Friday, October 11, 2019 by 4:30 PM
- Screened for eligibility prior to evaluation.

INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE EVALUATED BY THE NRAC.
APPLICATION SUBMITTAL

- Must Submit two (2), double sided hard copies; one (1) original, noted as such in the upper right-hand corner, and one (1) copy.

- One (1) Digital copy on compact disc or flash drive.

- Materials must be typed using at least an 11 point font, have page numbers at the bottom of each page, and submitted according to District One NRAC Protocol

- All hard copies should be clipped on the left-hand corner.
DISTRICT ONE NRAC PROTOCOL
HARD COPY APPLICATIONS

- The OPWC Application
- District One NRAC Application Supplement,
- Attachments separated by a cover page for:
  - Authorizations and Resolutions of Support,
  - Agreements and Letters of Support,
  - Maps and Photos,
  - Natural Resource Information, and
DISTRICT ONE NRAC PROTOCOL
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➢ Property Information by Permanent Parcel Number (PPN)
  ▪ Letters of Intent/Memorandum of Understanding
  ▪ Purchase Agreements
  ▪ Conservation Easements
  ▪ Deeds and proposed Deed Restrictions
  ▪ Appraisals and County Fiscal Office Valuations
DISTRICT ONE NRAC PROTOCOL
FILE NAMING CONVENTION

1. [Org name]_Application.pdf
2. [Org name]_Supplement.pdf
3. [Org name]_Attachment_Authorizations.pdf
4. [Org name]_Attachment_AgreementsLOS.pdf
5. [Org name]_Attachment_MapsPhotos.pdf
6. [Org name]_Attachment_NaturalResource.pdf
7. [Org name]_Attachment[Parcel #]_PropertyInfo.pdf
DISTRICT ONE NRAC
Resolutions of Support

Resolution(s) of Support from the appropriate political subdivision(s) as determined by the Ohio Revised Code, Section 164.23

Requests for Resolution of Support from Cuyahoga County Council due on August 28, 2019 by 4:30 PM
DISTRICT ONE NRAC EVALUATION

The evaluation process is divided into three major components:

**Phase 1:** Project Eligibility

**Phase 2:** Preliminary Project Scoring includes site visits, Applicant interviews, and Public Meetings

**Phase 3:** Final Project Scoring and Recommendations to OPWC
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Visit here for information about Clean Ohio Project Administration.

Visit here for more information about all the funding programs that OPWC offers.

In order to apply for Clean Ohio funding, you must fill out the application and attachments below and submit to the District in which the project is located. You can find your District by visiting our District Homepage. Every District has their own scoring methodology and deadlines for application submission. Once projects are submitted to the District, reviewed/scored/ranked, they are then sent to OPWC for review and project agreement release.

Download the Clean Ohio Application and Instructions below:

Clean Ohio Application Instructions

Clean Ohio Application

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OPWC APPLICATION

Important points

- Financial Information – Page 2
- Financial Resources – Page 2
- Project Schedule – Page 3
- Project Description – Page 4
- Project Officials – Page 5
- Attachments – Page 6

https://www.pwc.ohio.gov/Portals/0/Documents/PWC0002.pdf?ver=2015-12-11-112710-457
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How to Apply for Clean Ohio Funding

Eligible Project Types

Eligible Costs

Previous Clean Ohio Projects

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# DISTRICT ONE NRAC CHECKLIST

**PROGRAM YEAR (PY) 2020 PROJECT CHECKLIST**

This checklist of required materials must be completed and submitted along with the PY 2020 Application Materials to insure your application is complete.

**PROJECT TYPE:**
- Open Space w/Land Acquisition
- Open Space Development
- Riparian Corridor

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SECTION TWO:

- A certified appraisal must be included in the Property Information Attachment.

- Appraisals must be done by an Ohio Department of Transportation Prequalified Appraiser, who is credentialed in value analysis.
  - http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Engineering/RealEstate/Pages/LPA.aspx
  - http://www.dot.state.oh.us/divisions/Engineering/consultant/Pages/default.aspx

- The project will not be evaluated if the appraisals and supporting documentation are not attached.
SECTION TWO:

- Provide a detailed project description that includes project location and local setting and refers to maps and photos attached.
  
  - Describe whether the project is part of a phased open space or riparian corridor project.
  
  - Define the projects context in the Cuyahoga County Greenprint and provide a map.
SECTION TWO:

- Provide a detailed project description that includes project location and local setting and refers to maps and photos attached.

- Explain the current conditions and any site improvements that will be made as part of the project. Include an itemized estimate of probable costs for all improvements utilizing Clean Ohio funds.

- Note existing structures on the property, the appraised value of the structure, proportion of value to the overall value, and the intended actions.
County Planning is partnering with the Cuyahoga County Public Library to offer Greenprint Training Sessions.

Upcoming sessions will be announced via County Planning website. Check Often.
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To ensure that projects are visible, accessible and instructional, the NRAC has 5 guiding principles:

1. Preserve natural areas or open space.
2. Restore landscapes that have been degraded or destroyed.
3. Enhance the quality of natural areas or open space.
4. Link natural areas to each other or to county cultural and civic heritage areas.
5. Provide public access to natural areas and/or county cultural and civic heritage areas.
SECTION THREE: RESTORATION

Restoration MUST comprise a portion of the project scope, budget, or local match and include supporting documentation in the Natural Resources Attachment.

- Reduces or Eliminates nonnative & invasive species
- Restores or improves ecosystems.
- Reforests and/or restores vegetation, and/or eliminates impervious surfaces
- Restores steep hillsides
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SECTION FOUR: PROJECT BENEFITS

ECONOMIC BENEFITS

- Supports a priority local economic and/or community development initiative.
- Catalyzes other improvements.
- Increases the value of adjacent or nearby land.
- Reduces annual municipal service costs (e.g., public safety, public service).
- Develops or redevelops vacant, underutilized parcels/acres.
- Other economic benefits; please explain
SECTION FOUR: PROJECT BENEFITS

SOCIAL BENEFITS

- Provides public access.
- Creates a gathering place.
- Provides educational opportunities.
- Provides bicycle and pedestrian linkages.
- Removes a blighted image.
- Improves public health and safety.
- Enhances the cultural and civic heritage of the area.
- Incorporates aesthetically pleasing and ecologically informed design.
- Other social benefits; please explain
SECTION FOUR: PROJECT BENEFITS

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS.

- Balances the built environment with the natural environment.
- Enhances environmental health or reduce ecological risks.
- Converts degraded parcels/acres to a natural area and/or open space.
- Creates habitats or other natural areas and/or open space.
- Improves biodiversity.
- Protects a rare, threatened or endangered species classified as regionally endangered or included in the State Natural Heritage Inventory (See OPWC Glossary of Terms).
- Protects high quality or regionally significant biological communities.
- Reduces the quantity or improve the quality of stormwater runoff.
- Restores floodplain functions.
- Other environmental benefits; please explain.

Provide supporting documentation in the Natural Resources Attachment, as necessary, to support the stated benefits.
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SECTION FIVE: NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT

- Project is part of an adopted regional, County, community or watershed Plan. Provide project plan documentation.
- Project will be of regional or county significance.
- Project will provide a key linkage to an existing or proposed greenways.
- Project will be an example of the County’s natural heritage.
- Project will provide greenspace to an underserved population.
- Project serves a low income and/or minority neighborhood.
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SECTION SIX: OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS

- Other Project Funding
- Level of Coordination
- Readiness to Proceed
- Immediacy
- Mineral Rights
Projects will be awarded points in this category based on the total match provided:

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Provide a breakdown of the local match (e.g. federal and state grants) and specify all sources.
SECTION SIX: OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS

Level of Coordination

Applicants should explain the following:

- The agencies and organizations that have been involved in the planning and preparation of this project application.

- The level of coordination that each agency or organization has provided.

Attach Letters of Support
SECTION SIX: OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS

Readiness to Proceed

Applicants should include one of the following:

- A fully executed purchase agreement
- Purchase agreement that does not have all the signatures
- A letter/memorandum of understanding
- Copy of the conservation easement
- Copy of the Deed for Riparian and Open Space Development Projects in which land is already owned

Applications with confidentiality agreements in lieu of purchase agreements will not be evaluated.
SECTION SIX: OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS

Immediacy

Applicants must indicate whether:

- The project area is vulnerable to being developed as something other than open space; and

- How this development would be detrimental to the community.
SECTION SIX: OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS

Mineral Rights

Applicants must indicate whether:

- The current landowner will retain the mineral rights;
- The mineral rights will be purchased and transferred to another entity;
- The applicant obtained legal agreements with Lessee to minimize the impacts of the mineral rights lease and/or can show how current oil and gas well(s) will not impact sensitive natural resource areas; or
- The mineral rights will be purchased and maintained.
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* Vote on Final Project Ranking may occur at January 9th Score Review Meeting

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
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