

Clean Ohio Fund

Ohio Public Works Commission - District 5
Ohio Natural Resource Assistance Council (NRAC)
c/o Maumee Valley Planning Organization
197-2b-2 Island Park Avenue
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SCORING METHODOLOGY

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant Contact: _____

Project Title: _____

Date Application Received: _____ Date Application Reviewed: _____

Project Reviewed By : _____

Total Points Awarded: _____
(121.5 maximum points)
Project Ranking: _____ out of _____
Total Project Cost: \$ _____
Funding Requested: \$ _____

NRAC SCORING METHODOLOGY -- Part I -- Required -- Qualification Section

Project purpose must involve at least one of the following from A. or B. below:

A. Open Space (Sec. 164.22 A)

_____ openspace acquisition

_____ permanent conservation easement

B. Riparian Corridors or Watersheds (Sec. 164.22 B)

_____ Protects or enhances riparian corridors or watersheds including the protection and enhancement of streams, rivers and other waters of the state.

C. Would the project:

YES NO
_____ initiate or perpetuate hydromodification projects such as dams, ditch development or channelization?
_____ fund current legal obligations (such as fines, penalties, litigation expenses, mitigation or reclamation) under state or federal laws or local ordinances?
_____ fund facilities other than those required to provide public access to or use of openspace?
_____ fund facilities for active recreation such as tennis courts, ballfields and recreation centers?
_____ is the application complete?

_____ The project is determined to be an unacceptable use of Clean Ohio Conservation Funds by the District 5 NRAC. Eight NRAC members must affirm that the application is an unacceptable use of Clean Ohio Funds. (Factors considered shall include: an unjustified cost per acre, poor location, non-existent claimed benefits such as the presence of wetlands that is not supported by documentation

If Yes to any of the above in C, the project is ineligible (Section 164.22, ORC).

Application is an eligible project- _____ YES _____ NO

If application represents an eligible project move on to Part II

NRACs shall consider all the following in approving or disapproving a grant: Does the project emphasize (document in application) the following pursuant to Section 164.22, ORC? Two points for each, 50 point maximum, no partial credit shall be awarded. Please refer to Glossary of Terms.

1. ____ protects habitat for rare, threatened and endangered species
2. ____ reduces or eliminates nonnative, invasive species of plants or animals
3. ____ preserves high quality, viable habitat for native plant or animal species
4. ____ restores and preserves aquatic biological communities
5. ____ preserves headwater area
6. ____ preserves or restores functioning floodplains
7. ____ preserves or restores water quality
8. ____ preserves or restores natural stream channels, natural coastal areas or Oak Openings Region
9. ____ preserves or restores streamside forests, coastal areas or Oak Openings Region
10. ____ preserves existing high quality wetlands or restores wetlands
11. ____ preserves or restores other natural features that contribute to quality of life and state's natural heritage
12. ____ fee simple acquisition of lands to provide access to riparian corridors, coastal areas or Oak Openings Region
13. ____ acquisition of easements protecting and enhancing riparian corridors watersheds, coastal areas or Oak Openings Region
14. ____ reforests or re-vegetates land to improve water quality
15. ____ reforests or re-vegetates with only native species to improve water quality
16. ____ incorporates aesthetically pleasing and ecologically informed design including sensitivity to the terrain, natural resources and heritage of the property
17. ____ enhances educational opportunities and provides physical links to schools and/or after school centers
18. ____ includes pedestrian/bicycle linkages to other openspace preserves and/or population centers
19. ____ supports established openspace planning
20. ____ provides a combination of recreational, economic and/or aesthetic preservation benefits
21. ____ allows proper management of areas where safe fishing, hunting and/or trapping may take place in a manner that will preserve balanced natural ecosystems
22. ____ enhances economic development that relies on recreation and ecotourism in areas of relatively high unemployment
23. ____ contiguous to existing protected openspace
24. ____ site has historical or cultural significance
25. ____ preserves coastal area and/or Oak Openings Region

Part II SCORE: _____

NRACs shall consider the following in approving or disapproving a grant:

1. Percentage of Clean Ohio matching funds necessary to complete project:

75% (required) 74-70% (2 points) 69-65% (3 points) 64-60% (4 points) 59-49% (5 points) 50% or less (7 points)

2. Level (list: % and in \$) of funding provided by other sources, both funding and in kind:

Private\$ _____ % _____ Public\$ _____ % _____

Documentation in the form of a Letter of Commitment from other Funding Source.

(1 point each for attracting significant [more than 5% Private and / or Public] non Clean Ohio Fund funding)

3. Documented Support: (1 point each maximum of 5 points). Documentation in the form of a letter or Resolution from the supporting Agency or Organization.

local political subdivisions state agencies federal agencies
 community organizations conservation organizations additional (specify)

4. Level of conservation coordination with other Openspace, Riparian Corridor, Trails, Farmland Protection or Urban Revitalization Projects under the Clean Ohio Fund in other Public Works Commission Districts. (Select one that best applies)

is a joint project (2 points)
 carries out an adopted community, watershed or other plan overlapping another district (1 point)

5. Extent of public access once project is completed: (Select one that best applies)

open days and weekends (3 points)
 open limited, but regular hours (2 points)
 open by appointment or with written permission (1 point)

6. Operation and Maintenance once project is completed: (Select one that best applies)

operation plan and resources in place to carryout plan, if appropriate (3 points)
 operation plan, volunteers and limited resources available (2 points)
 limited operation plan, limited resources available (1 point)

7. Project Management Experience of similar or related projects: (Select one that best applies)

successfully completed 3-5 similar projects in the last 10 years (3 points)
 successfully completed 1-2 similar project in the last 5 years (2 points)
 has partnered on at least one similar project in the last 5 years (1 point)

8. Community Planning: Project is in concert with publicly adopted regional, community plan or watershed plan (Select one that best applies)

project identified as important in the plan (1.5 points)
 area identified as important in the plan (1 points)
 project would be consistent with plan (.5 point)

9. Natural Resource Viability: How important is the project to the viability of the natural resources affected by the project? (Select all that apply)

protects a globally endangered species or biological community (3 points)
 protects 1 or more state NHI ranked rare or endangered species (2 points)
 protects a threatened biological community or important example of Ohio's natural heritage (1 point)
 protects a high quality example of a regionally significant biological community (1 point)

(NRAC SCORING METHODOLOGY PART III CONTINUED)

The remaining questions will be scored in relation to all eligible applications for this grant cycle.

10. Readiness to proceed factors: (Documentation must be included demonstrating readiness to proceed) _____ (0-9 points) (Factors possibly considered will be: the inclusion of a signed purchase agreement, Deed Restrictions, an appraisal, and a project schedule and work plan)

11. Project addresses a situation where action must be taken now or opportunity will be lost forever _____ (0-9 points)

Part III SCORE: _____

NRAC SCORING METHODOLOGY -- Part IV -- Other Project Observations 20 point maximum

The NRAC may adopt additional criteria which reflects local priorities as long as the criteria compliment and do not negate Parts I-III which carry out ORC Sec. 164.20-164.27.

The remaining questions will be scored in relation to all eligible applications for this grant cycle.

	Well Below Average	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Well Above Average
	-5	-3	0	3	5
Economic Impact					
Project Viability					
Cost Effectiveness					
Other Project Factors					

****Note:** Any narrative comments for section IV should be noted on the back of this page.

Part IV SCORE: _____

Project Scoring Tabulation:

Total Score Part II: _____ (50 points possible)

Total Score Part III: _____ (51.5 points possible)

Total Score Part IV: _____ (20 points possible)

Total Project Score: _____ (121.5 points possible)