

ATTACHMENT "B"

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Ohio Public Works Commission - District 6
Natural Resources Assistance Council

c/o Eastgate Regional Council of Governments
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Applicant
Name: _____

Project Title: _____

Applicant Contact: _____

NRAC Project # _____

Please provide a concise but brief response to each of the following questions.

1. A statement of project justification is a narrative of why the project is necessary. Please state the need for the project. Photographs of proposed project are welcomed.
2. Please detail the level of coordination that exists among local political subdivisions, multiple agencies, public and/or private organizations and local businesses pertaining to project. Identify partners, mutual goals, and explain relationships.
3. Please detail the economic, social, recreational, and environmental benefits the proposed project will bring to the community.
4. How important is the project to the viability of the natural resources affected by the project? Please explain how your project would protect any of the following:
 - a globally endangered species or biological community
 - a State Natural Heritage Inventory (NHI) rare, threatened, or endangered species
 - a regionally threatened or endangered biological community of high quality or an important example of Ohio's natural heritage
5. Please detail the Operation and Maintenance plan once the project is completed. Include equipment and personnel resources available.
6. Please attach a list of projects completed by the applicant or projects the applicant partnered in. Include project title, project partners, year funded, year completed. (Limit to five projects)
7. Is the project in concert with a publicly adopted regional, community, or watershed plan. If yes, please reference the plan and describe how your project relates to the plan.
8. If your project will benefit multiple political subdivisions, please describe the extent that your project will provide benefits.
9. Does the project address a situation where action must be taken now or the opportunity will be lost forever? If yes, please justify.
10. Is the project adjacent to existing preserved open space or riparian areas?
11. Describe the potential educational opportunities and benefits to the public through the implementation of the project. Will an educational component be included in the project? What audience will be targeted and who will facilitate the program?
12. Is the project a component of a larger conservation initiative of multi NRAC jurisdictions?
13. If Clean Ohio Funds requested of the Ohio PWC District 6 NRAC are not available, is the applicant willing and able to lower their request and/or the scope of the project and still complete the project?
Yes No
14. Have you applied for Clean Ohio Conservation Funds before? If yes, did you meet the timelines as proposed in the original application? If not, please explain why.
Yes No
15. From "Attachment A" in the application (page 7)--Please select and number each area of emphasis which supports the project and provide details in a short paragraph.

ATTACHEMENT/COMPLETENESS REVIEW

BE CERTAIN EACH OF THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW IS ATTACHED. THE DISTRICT 6 NRAC REQUIRES THAT ALL SIGNED DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED INCLUDE THE ORIGINAL SIGNATURE. YOUR APPLICATION MAY BE DELAYED OR REJECTED IF THE INFORMATION IS OMITTED OR INCOMPLETE.

- “ A certified copy of the authorization by the governing body of the applicant authorizing a designated official to sign and submit this application and execute contracts with the commission. This individual should sign under 6.0, Applicant Certification, below.
- “ A certification signed by the applicant's chief financial officer stating all local share funds required for the project will be available on or before the dates listed in the Project Schedule section.
- “ A formal detailed estimate of the project's costs provided by an architect, landscape architect, or other professional. For land acquisition, an appraisal by a State-certified general real estate appraiser, as defined under ORC 4763 for the type of land being appraised will need to be submitted to the District 6 NRAC prior to closing.
- “ A cooperation agreement, (if the project involves more than entity) which identifies the fiscal and administrative responsibilities of each participant.
- “ Resolution of Support (please refer to section 164.23(B)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code for guidance.)
- “ Identification of any participation by state agencies that may have expertise regarding the particular project and that may provide assistance with respect to the project.
- “ Information concerning the coordination of the project among local political subdivisions, state agencies, federal agencies, community organizations, conservation organizations, and local business groups.
- “ Supporting Documentation: Materials such as additional project description, photographs, and/or other information to assist your District 6 NRAC in ranking your project. Be sure to include supplements which may be required by your District 6 NRAC.
- “ Include a letter of commitment from the land owner(s) with an estimated cost, if possible, or a letter of intent to sell.
- “ Include a conceptual site development plan. If appropriate, address storm water retention elements in the plan.
- “ All applications should include the Project location identified on a U.S.G.S. 7.5' Topographic Quadrangle map.
- “ Include a copy of the deed restrictions (Provided in Attachment B) as they will be submitted to the State if your project is approved. The wording submitted with the application must meet the wording submitted to the State *exactly*.

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ATTACHEMENT/COMPLETENESS REVIEW...CONTINUED

“ Justification of land value: Include a copy of a County Tax Appraisal, a Market Analysis by a Realtor, **or** a copy of a recent (with in last 5 years) appraisal on the land to be purchased through the Clean Ohio Fund. This request stands if the application is for the purchase of an Easement.

“ For *LAND ACQUISITION*: If applicant provides a County Tax Appraisal to meet the criteria for justification of land value and the purchase price of the land is over 150% of the County Tax Appraisal amount, the NRAC will require an appraisal by a State certified appraiser be completed before a decision on the application will be made at the local level.

“ For *EASEMENT PURCHASE*:

**If property currently has a Current Agriculture Use Value (CAUV) determined by the County Auditor, the applicant may present the following formula to the NRAC to determine the per-acre value of the Easement: Market Value (minus) CAUV (divided by) the number of acres (MV-CAUV/ACRES).

**If there is no CAUV on the property or the applicant chooses not to determine land value based on the above formula then the NRAC shall consider up to 60% of Fair Market Price for the value of the easement.

If applicable, *either* of the above methods may be used to determine easement value. If the applicant is requesting MORE than is determined fair by either of the above methods, the NRAC will require an analytical narrative appraisal be done on the property. The applicant has the option to provide an analytical narrative appraisal in place of either of the two above mentioned requests.

“ Have you reviewed your District 6 NRAC’s scoring methodology to see that you have addressed all components?
(Do not attach a copy of the methodology to your application)

nn PROPOSED PROJECTS THAT DO NOT OBTAIN A MEAN MINIMUM SCORE FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF AT LEAST **40%** OF THE TOTAL POSSIBLE MAXIMUM POINTS THAT COULD BE AWARDED BY DISTRICT 6 NRAC COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL ONLY BE FUNDED IN FULL OR PART UPON A FAVORABLE VOTE OF 8 COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND BE CONTINGENT UPON FUNDING AVAILABILITY.

**Ohio PWC District 6 NRAC
Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Application - ATTACHMENT “B”**

DIRECTIONS FOR DEED RESTRICTIONS

The District 6 NRAC asks that the applicant complete the “Use and Development Restrictions” section of the OPWC’s Declaration of Restrictions form found on PAGE 6 of ATTACHMENT “B” and submit with their application. This is only the first page of a five page document. The restriction language submitted with the application should match exactly the restriction language the applicant will be required to submit to the OPWC if awarded a Clean Ohio Conservation Fund grant. If the restrictions submitted to the OPWC differ from those presented to the NRAC in the application, final approval by the OPWC may be delayed until the NRAC reconciles and approves the revised Declaration of Restrictions.

The complete five page OPWC Declaration of Restrictions form can be seen at www.pwc.state.oh.us/DECLARATION%20OF%20RESTRICTIONS.pdf.

DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIONS

This Declaration of Restrictions (this "Declaration") is made on this ____ day of _____ 200__ by _____ [Name of Declarant], [a or an] _____ (eg: Municipality/County/District; the "Declarant").

Recitals:

A. Declarant owns certain property located in _____, County, Ohio as more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof (the "Property").

B. Declarant applied for and has received a grant from the State of Ohio, acting by and through the Director of the Ohio Public Works Commission ("OPWC"), pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §164.20 et seq. (the "Grant"). In connection with Declarant's application for the Grant, Declarant proposed to use the Grant funds either for open space acquisition and related development or to protect and enhance riparian corridors, as set forth more specifically in its application.

C. As a condition to Declarant's receipt of the Grant, Declarant has agreed to restrict the use of the Property as set forth in this Declaration, with the intent that such restrictions run with the land.

NOW, THEREFORE, for valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Declarant, for itself and its successors and assigns as owners of the Property, hereby agrees as follows:

§1. Use and Development Restrictions . Declarant hereby agrees, for itself and its successors and assigns as owners of the Property, that the Property shall be subject to the following: (INSERT SPECIFICS FROM GRANT APPLICATION)