



Clean Ohio Greenspace Conservation Program

District Six-
Program Year 2020-2021

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Presentation Overview

- ▶ Introductions
- ▶ Clean Ohio Greenspace Conservation Program Overview
- ▶ Meet the District Six NRAC
- ▶ From ideas to projects
- ▶ District Six Application Materials
- ▶ Question and Answer Session



Clean Ohio Greenspace Conservation Fund- Program Overview

- ▶ Created in 2001 and voted on by Ohioans
- ▶ \$37,500,000 per program year for Open Space and Watershed Conservation known as THE CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION FUND.
- ▶ PY 2020 Round 15 allocation for District Six: **\$1,324,461**
- ▶ Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Provides up to 75% funding for:
 - ▶ Open Space Acquisition and Watershed Protection

Important Changes to the program

- ▶ Appraisals are due at time of Application
- ▶ OPWC will pay up to 5% over appraised value



Meet the District Six NRAC

- Local
- Review and Score Projects
- Voting rights
- Review and make changes to district documents

Member	Affiliation
Alex Czayka	Conservation- Western Reserve Land Conservancy
Lauren Johnson	At Large- Youngstown Warren Regional Chamber of Commerce
T.J Keiran	Business and Planning- Trumbull County Planning Commission
Marilyn Kenner	At Large- Boardman Township Road Superintendent
Martha Morgan	Government- Poland Village Councilwoman
Amy Reeher	Soil and Water- Trumbull County Soil and Water Conservation District
Dave Royer	Agriculture and Forestry- Mahoning County Farm Bureau
Randy Samulka	DIC Appointment
Zachary Svette Vice Chair	Parks- Trumbull County MetroParks
John Woolard Chair	At Large- Mahoning County Engineers Office
Aaron Young	At Large- Mill Creek MetroParks



From an idea to project

- ▶ Contact District Liaison and/or OPWC District Representative to flush out ideas and/or project components.
- ▶ What can you add to the application to bolster its environment/conservation impact?
- ▶ How can I come up with the 25% match??

Timing is Everything!

- ▶ Consult the District Six Calendar for Important Dates!

Important Dates for Program Year 2020-2021:

ROUND 15 CLEAN OHIO FUNDS AVAILABLE	July 1 st , 2020
DISTRICT SIX APPLICATION WORKSHOP WEBINAR	July 29 th , 2020
DISTRICT SIX ANNUAL MEETING	September 10 th , 2020
FULL APPLICATIONS DUE AT EASTGATE	November 20 th , 2020
FULL APPLICATION COMPLETENESS REVIEW	November 23 rd - 25 th , 2020
CORRECTED APPLICATIONS DUE BACK TO EASTGATE	November 30 th , 2020 – December 3 rd , 2020
APPLICANT PRESENTATIONS TO DISTRICT SIX NRAC COMMITTEE	January 8 th , 2021
FINAL APPLICATION NRAC MEMBER VOTING MEETING	January 22 nd , 2021

FULL AND CORRECTED APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO EASTGATE BY 3PM ON THE SCHEDULED DUE DATE.



VIPs (Very Important Papers) District Six Application Documents

- ▶ All links to application materials, including OPWC's application, are located on [Eastgate's website](#).



EASTGATE

Regional Council of Governments

VIP #1

District Six Application Manual

- ▶ Applicants are must use the NEW Application manual as they fill out each required document.
- ▶ This document lists **EVERYTHING** you need to ensure your application is complete.
- ▶ Don't be left in the dark because some of the most important instructions are in this document.

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Program Year 2020-2021 Application Manual

District Six Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC)



About the Application Manual

The purpose of this document is to provide eligible applicants guidance when applying for Clean Ohio Greenspace Program Funds. Links and information within this document directly correlate to the Clean Ohio Greenspace Conservation Fund Program and the District Six Natural Resource Assistance Council (NRAC) application process. The application process follows the guidelines established by OPWC and evaluation criteria established by the District Six NRAC and outlined in [Ohio Revised Code \(ORC\) Section 164.24](#).

VIP#2

Attachment B: Request for Additional Information

- One of a few documents allowed to be revised locally.

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Ohio Public Works Commission - District Six
Ohio Natural Resource Assistance Council (NRAC)

Eastgate Regional Council of Governments
City Center One Building
100 E. Federal Street, Suite 1000
Youngstown, OH 44503

VIP #3

District Six Scoring Methodology

- ▶ Mainly a document for the members of the Natural Resource Assistance Council (NRAC)
- ▶ Used to review and score projects.

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Your Project is Approved! Now What???

- ▶ NRAC send recommended projects down to OPWC for final approval
- ▶ OPWC has a list of items post approval for each applicant.
- ▶ Any projects missing items from the application that are required for approval should be to the District before the project is forwarded to us for consideration. This includes items such as letters of intent that are legally required.
- ▶ Once received by OPWC, any projects missing items necessary for the release of a project agreement need to have those items in place within 30 days or they will be returned to the District.

APPROVED

Request to Proceed

- Needs to be completed and sent no later than 30 days prior to closing. Modifications restart the clock.
- Proposed Deed Restrictions or Conservation Easement Language
- Deed Restrictions/Conservation Easement is approved with the Request to Proceed form. Once approved that is the language that needs to be recorded.
- You will need to enter your project specific information in the “use and development restrictions” portion of the sample documents provided. Modifications require approval and can cause delays to closing.
- YOU MUST record the OPWC restriction language.
 - For a purchase – deed restrictions
 - For a conservation easement – easement language
 - You may add a separate document for your own restrictions but they cannot conflict with OPWC Clean Ohio restrictions and must be a separate document.
- Anything requiring legal review may cause significant delays to review of your documentation and closing, so plan ahead.
- Executed Purchase Contract (must include legal description of what is being purchased, including acreage – a map is not sufficient).

Request to Proceed continued..

- ▶ Pre-closing option (money being sent to title agent for closing)
 - ▶ Closing Protection Letter
 - ▶ Signed Escrow Agreement (Appendix F of project agreement)
- ▶ Approval of Title Agent
- ▶ Be sure the information you provide is where the check or EFT will be going as changes will cause significant delays.
- ▶ Title agent will be sent a letter detailing OPWC instructions for closing.
- ▶ Recorded documents due back to OPWC office within 60 days
 - ▶ Recorded deed
 - ▶ Recorded deed restrictions or conservation easement
 - ▶ Final executed Settlement Statement

Restrictions

- ▶ Any future modification or breach of the recorded deed restrictions or conservation easement that occur once the Project Agreement has been signed and without the advanced written approval of the OPWC Director shall result in the imposition of liquidated damages on the entity responsible for the breach equal to twice the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund monies disbursed for the project, plus compounded interest at 6% per annum.

Disbursement of Funds

- ▶ Allow time for closing – Request-to-Proceed – a minimum of 30 days before closing. This allows for resolution of any items in paperwork that can delay closing if there is not time to resolve the matters.
- ▶ Until the request to proceed is approved, you are not ready to proceed to Appendix E and disbursement for closing.
- ▶ Appendix E of the project agreement is the disbursement form.
 - ▶ Complete and attach all invoices for payment
 - ▶ For acquisition, attach the proposed settlement statement from the title company
 - ▶ Turn around if all is complete and clear is typically 10 business day
- ▶ If the disbursement form is submitted with the request to proceed, the request to proceed will be reviewed and acted upon before the disbursement request will be considered.
- ▶ Title company changes, changes of address or title companies that are not signed up for payment through the State of Ohio will experience delays and the payment may not occur within 10 business days!

After Closing

- Remember to send in your recorded documents after closing (due within 60 days):
 - Recorded Deed
 - Recorded Deed Restrictions
 - Final Executed Settlement Statement
- Post –acquisition activity
 - Two years from acquisition to complete post acquisition activity

Contact Information

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And now....

QUESTIONS?

