



What is an eligible Clean Ohio Project?

Eligible projects under the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund:

- Open Space acquisition of land for:
 - Parks
 - Forests
 - Wetlands
 - Natural areas that protect endangered plant and/or animal species
 - Other natural areas
 - Connecting corridors for natural areas
- Acquisition of Conservation Easements
- Protection and enhancement of riparian corridors or watersheds, including protection and enhancement of streams, rivers, lakes, and other waters of the state.
- Improvements on an existing Clean Ohio funded land

**Projects cannot initiate or perpetuate hydromodification projects such as dams, ditch development, or channelization.*

Who can apply for Clean Ohio Funds?

- Local political subdivisions:
 - Counties
 - Cities/Villages
 - Townships
 - Soil and Water Conservation Districts
 - Joint Recreation Districts
 - Park Districts/Authorities
- Nonprofit organizations whose designated activities are directly related to the purpose for which Clean Ohio Funds are issued.

Is there a match requirement for Clean Ohio?

Applicants must provide 25% of the total project cost as match towards the project.

What can constitute a local match?

- Cash
- Prepaids- expenses directly related to an OPWC- funded project incurred and paid by the subdivision prior to signing the OPWC Project Agreement (i.e. preliminary engineering costs)
- In-Kind contributions:
 - Purchase and/or donation of:
 - Equipment
 - Land
 - Easements
 - Interest in land
 - Labor or materials

What are eligible Project Activities?

- Acquisition:
 - Fee Simple Purchase, including acquisition of land and structures. Projects can include land purchases with an existing structure on it. The structure **MUST** be used for conservation purposes (i.e. nature center, storage building for maintenance equipment related to maintaining Clean Ohio Property)
 - Easement purchase
 - Transfer of Conservation Easement
- Planning and Implementation:
 - Appraisals
 - Closing costs
 - Title search
 - Environmental assessments
 - Design
 - Restoration

What happens after a project is approved for funding by the NRAC?

The District 6 NRAC will send all approved final applications to the Ohio Public Works Commission for the Director's final approval or disapproval. At this point the commission will be in contact with the applicant and provide further instructions.

Useful Websites:

Eastgate encourages potential applicants to visit these websites to help navigate through the Clean Ohio Fund process.

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC):

- Clean Ohio Law: <http://www.pwc.state.oh.us/GSCDistrict6.html?m=>
- Green Space Conservation Program- <http://www.pwc.state.oh.us/GSCdefault.html>
- In-Kind- <http://www.pwc.state.oh.us/documents/PMInKindReportingInstructions.pdf>
- OPWC District 6 site- <http://www.pwc.state.oh.us/GSCDistrict6.html?m=>

Eastgate Regional Council of Governments:

- Clean Ohio Program- <http://www.eastgatecog.org/environmental-planning/CleanOhio>
- Watershed Planning- <http://www.eastgatecog.org/environmental-planning/watershed-planning>

Questions?

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