

Clean Ohio Fund
Attachment “B”:
Request for Additional Information
Round 14
Program Year 2019-2010

Ohio Public Works Commission - District 6
Ohio Natural Resource Assistance Council (NRAC)

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

Clean Ohio Conservation Fund: Attachment B

DATE: _____

PROJECT TITLE:

APPLICANT:

OPWC APPLICANT CODE #: _____ - _____

PROJECT CONTACT: _____

PHONE: (_____) _____ FAX: (_____) _____

ADDRESS: _____

COUNTY: _____

PROJECT COST: \$ _____

TOTAL CLEAN OHIO FUNDS REQUESTING: \$ _____

APPLICANT MATCH: _____%

PROJECT TYPE: Check the largest component of application

- A. _____ OPEN SPACE
- B. _____ RIPARIAN CORRIDOR
- C. _____ RESTORATION

NUMBER OF ACRES PRESERVED/RESTORED IN THE PROJECT: _____

LINEAR FEET/STREAM MILES RESTORED: _____

PRIMARY PROJECT EMPHASIS:

Applicant MUST CLEARLY demonstrate the PRIMARY PURPOSE of the project involves ONE of the following from A. or B.

A. OPEN SPACE (Sec. 164.22A)

- Acquire Land for Parks
- Acquire Land for Public Forests
- Acquire Land for Wetland Preservation or Restoration
- Acquire Land for Natural Areas Protecting Endangered Species
- Acquire Land for Other Natural Areas
- Acquire Land for Connecting Corridors for Natural Areas
- Open Space Acquisition
- Permanent Conservation Easement

(PLEASE NOTE: COSTS INCURRED FOR CONSTRUCTION OR ENHANCEMENTS **MAY NOT** EXCEED THE PRICE OF PURCHASING THE LAND)

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. DOES THE PROJECT:

Please note: If you answer “yes” to any of the questions below the project is ineligible (Section 164.22, ORC)

YES NO

- _____ _____ Initiate or perpetuate manmade or engineered hydromodification projects not primarily designed to protect or enhance water quality and /or natural features? Such projects include, but are not limited to, dams, ditch development, channelization, dredging, sedimentation, and stream bank erosion control by use of rip-rap or wall construction, bank clearing, bank armoring or bank hardening of any kind.
- _____ _____ 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 Open space?
- _____ _____ Fund facilities for active recreation, such as tennis courts, ball fields or recreation centers?
- _____ _____ Accelerate the runoff of untreated water?
- _____ _____ Encourage invasive nonnative plant and animal species?
- _____ _____ Take longer than twelve months for acquisition?

D. FOR ALL ACQUISITION OR EASEMENT PROJECTS:

Property Owner(s):

Does the owner(s) live in town? ___ YES ___ NO

If NO, please state where they currently live: _____

Has anyone contacted the property owner(s) about the proposed project? ___ YES ___ NO

If yes, who contacted the property owner(s)? _____

Date of contact: _____

Please list type of contact (i.e. telephone conversation, mailed letter): _____

Is the property owner(s) willing to cooperate with the applicant? ___ YES ___ NO

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PROJECT EVALUATION- PART I

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

From *Attachment A, Project Emphasis* (page 7): Provide a detailed explanation to support the identified primary, secondary, and tertiary emphasis area.

1. _____

EXPLAIN:

2. _____

EXPLAIN:

3. _____

EXPLAIN:

B. Additional Information

The District 6 NRAC recognizes projects may emphasize more than those identified in *Attachment A, Project Emphasis (p.7)* of the application. Therefore, the NRAC shall consider all of the following additional information in approving or disapproving a grant. Please indicate **YES** or **NO** to each project emphasis listed (ORC 164.22) and provide a detailed explanation with supporting documents (if necessary) and refer to the Glossary of Terms. Each additional area of emphasis

1. _____ Does the project supports comprehensive open space planning including incorporating aesthetically pleasing and ecologically informed design?

Explain:

2. _____ Will the project enhance economic development reliant on recreational and ecotourism in areas of relatively high unemployment and lower incomes?

Explain:

3. _____ Will the project protect habitat for rare, threatened and endangered species or preserve high quality, viable habitat for plant and animal species?

Explain:

4. _____ Will the project preserve existing high-quality wetlands or other scarce natural resources?

Explain

5. _____ Does the project enhance educational opportunities and provides physical links to schools and afterschool centers?

Explain:

6. _____ Does the project preserves or restore water quality, natural stream channels, functioning floodplains, wetlands, and/or stream side forests?

Explain:

7. _____ Does the project preserve or restore other natural features that contribute to the quality of life and to state's natural heritage?

Explain:

8. _____ Will the project reduce or eliminate nonnative, invasive species of plants or animals?

Explain:

9. _____ Will the project allow for proper management of areas where safe hunting and trapping may take place in a manner that will preserve a balanced natural ecosystem?

Explain:

10. _____ Will the project increases habitat protection?

Explain:

11. _____ Is the project included as part of a stream corridor-wide or watershed-wide plan?

Explain:

12. _____ Does the project provide multiple recreational, economic, and aesthetic preservation benefits?

Explain:

13. _____ Does the project preserves or restore flood plain and stream side forest functions?

Explain:

14. _____ Does the project preserves headwater streams?

Explain:

15 _____ Does the project restore or preserve aquatic biological communities?

Explain:

PROJECT EVALUATION- PART II

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 collaborative participation that exists among the applicant and local political subdivisions, federal, state and/or local agencies, community organizations, conservation/watershed organizations and/or local business groups. Participation means **active** involvement for the project in the form of in-kind service and/or funding. Identify each partner, their contributions (in-kind service or cash donation) and attach each partner's letter of commitment.
3. Please detail the level of coordination that exists among the applicant and local political subdivisions, federal, state and/or local agencies, community organizations, and/or conservation/watershed organizations. Identify partners, mutual goals, and explain relationships.
4. Please detail the Operation & Maintenance and/or Stewardship Plan once the project is completed. Include infrastructure, equipment and personnel resources available. Please provide documentation of operation and management plan.
5. Please indicate the level of Community Planning with other adopted community plans, watershed plans, Non-Point Source Implementation Strategy plans, or other adopted plan that follows the spirit of the Clean Ohio Conservation fund? If yes, please provide supporting documentation of plan/plans and cite where within the plan the project/project components are discussed.
6. Please detail the economic, social, recreational, and environmental benefits the proposed project will bring to the community.
7. Will the project include public access? If yes, please describe how it will be made publicly accessible.
8.
 - A. If your organization is submitting more than one project, please identify the project's priority (#1, #2, #3) and include the priority number on the application's cover page.
 - B. 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?

9. Using the Median Household Income (MHI) Community Percentage table, indicate the MHI of the community/communities in which the project is located in.
10. Please use the Youngstown OH-PA 2010 Urban Boundary map on Eastgate's website, under Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Program, to determine if 50 % or more of the project is located within an urbanized boundary. If it is, please provide a map of the urbanized area with the location of the project marked.
11. How important is the project to the viability of the natural resources affected by the project? Please choose any of the following species categories your project protects and provide supporting documentation for your choices:
 - Federally listed, extinct, extirpated, or newly identified species found in Ohio
 - State Endangered Species
 - State Threatened
 - State Potentially Threatened
 - State Concerned
12. Does the project proposal include all mineral, extraction, and timber rights? Applicant **MUST** explain and provide documentation of the property's mineral and extraction as they are conveyed in the purchase agreement or conservation easement.
 - For Property Rights, please answer and provide documentation for all applicable questions:
 - Will the applicant retain property AND mineral rights AND prohibit future mineral extraction lease agreements?
 - Does the Property have an existing mineral extraction lease agreement? If yes, will the applicant retain property AND mineral rights? Please explain and provide appropriate documentation.
 - Will the applicant retain **ONLY** the property rights (mineral rights have been severed from the property for future extraction allowance)? Please explain and provide appropriate documentation.
 - If the project contains legal restrictions prohibiting surface disturbance within the property, applicant must provide documentation stating so.
13. Does the project address a situation where action must be taken now or the opportunity may be lost forever? If yes, please justify.
14. Is the project contiguous with an existing preserved open space or riparian area?

PROJECT EVALUATION- PART III
ATTACHMENT/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 in [BLUE INK](#).

- 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. **If the applicant is not providing local share funds, a letter stating other committed funds/private contributions must be signed and submitted by the applicant's CFO in lieu of the certification.**
- 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.)
- Information concerning the coordination and/or participation by 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 and map indicating where public access points, trails, parking, etc. will be located within the project.
- All applications should include the Project location identified on at least two maps:
 1. A location map on a township/municipality scale with the project location clearly identified and major roads and highways labeled.
 2. An Aerial map zoomed into the parcel level with parcel and/or conservation easement boundaries drawn, roads, road names and streams identified.
Additional map layers encouraged, for example: wetland inventory, flood plains, proximity to permanently protected properties, etc.

ATTACHMENT/COMPLETENESS REVIEW...continued

- 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**.
- 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.
- **PLEASE REVIEW THE DISTRICT 6 NRAC'S SCORING METHODOLOGY TO ENSURE YOU ADDRESSED ALL APPLICATION COMPONENTS. PROPOSED PROJECTS THAT DO NOT OBTAIN A MEAN MINIMUM SCORE OF AT LEAST 40% (Total Points x .4) OF THE TOTAL POSSIBLE MAXIMUM POINTS 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.**
- ***PLEASE NOTE: OPWC WILL REQUIRE AN APPRAISAL PREPARED BY AN ODOT PREQUALIFIED APPRAISER PRIOR TO ISSUING A NOTICE TO PROCEED. LAND VALUES FOR BOTH ACQUISITION AND EASEMENTS WILL HAVE TO BE IN LINE WITH THIS FINAL APPRAISAL OR THE STATE WILL NOT FUND THE PROJECT.**
- **THE NRAC WILL PERFORM A COMPLETENESS REVIEW FOR ALL APPLICATIONS AND RETURN THEM FOR CORRECTION. CORRECTED APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BACK TO EASTGATE BY THE DATE ADVERTISED ON THE DISTRICT CALENDAR.**