

# DISTRICT ONE NATURAL RESOURCES ASSISTANCE COUNCIL

## CLEAN OHIO GREEN SPACE CONSERVATION PROGRAM



Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Applicant Workshop:  
Wednesday, March 20, 2024

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY**  
Natural Resources Assistance Council

# AGENDA

## 1. Overview of the Clean Ohio Greenspace Conservation Program

- ❑ Program Overview
- ❑ What's New FY 2025
- ❑ Types of Projects
- ❑ District One Results

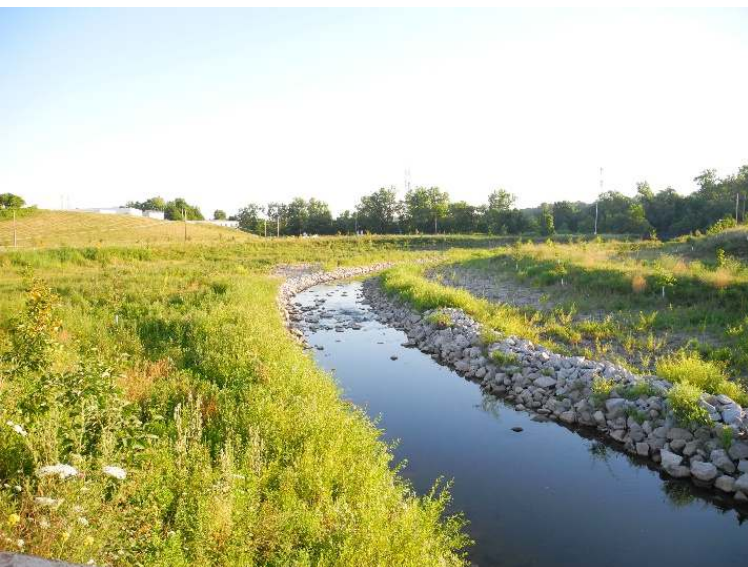
## 2. District One Greenspace Conservation Program and Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC)

- ❑ OPWC Requirements
- ❑ Program Funding
- ❑ Applications
- ❑ Evaluation Methodology
- ❑ FY 2025 Schedule
- ❑ Q&A

# CLEAN OHIO



- ❑ **Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program preserves:**
  - ❑ Open spaces,
  - ❑ Sensitive Ecological Areas, and
  - ❑ Stream Corridors.





# PURPOSE

## A Unique Opportunity to Advance Conservation Efforts to



Forested Bank on the Chagrin River

- ❑ Preserve Open Space
- ❑ Protect Riparian Corridors
- ❑ Protect Rare, Threatened or Endangered Species
- ❑ Support Open Space Planning
- ❑ Preserve Wetlands
- ❑ Preserve Streamside Forests, Natural Stream Channels and Floodplains

# CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

- ❑ Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program is administered by the [Ohio Public Works Commission \(OPWC\)](#).
- ❑ 19 Natural Resource Assistance Councils (NRAC) Districts in State.
- ❑ Cuyahoga County is District One.

District Map

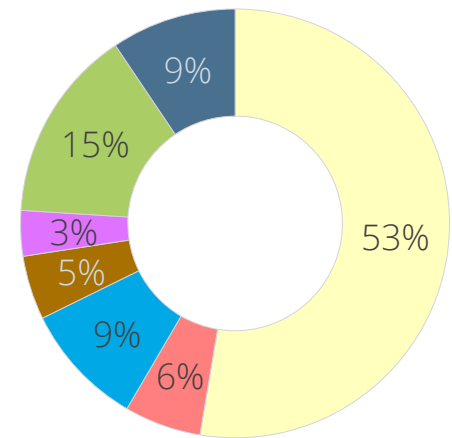
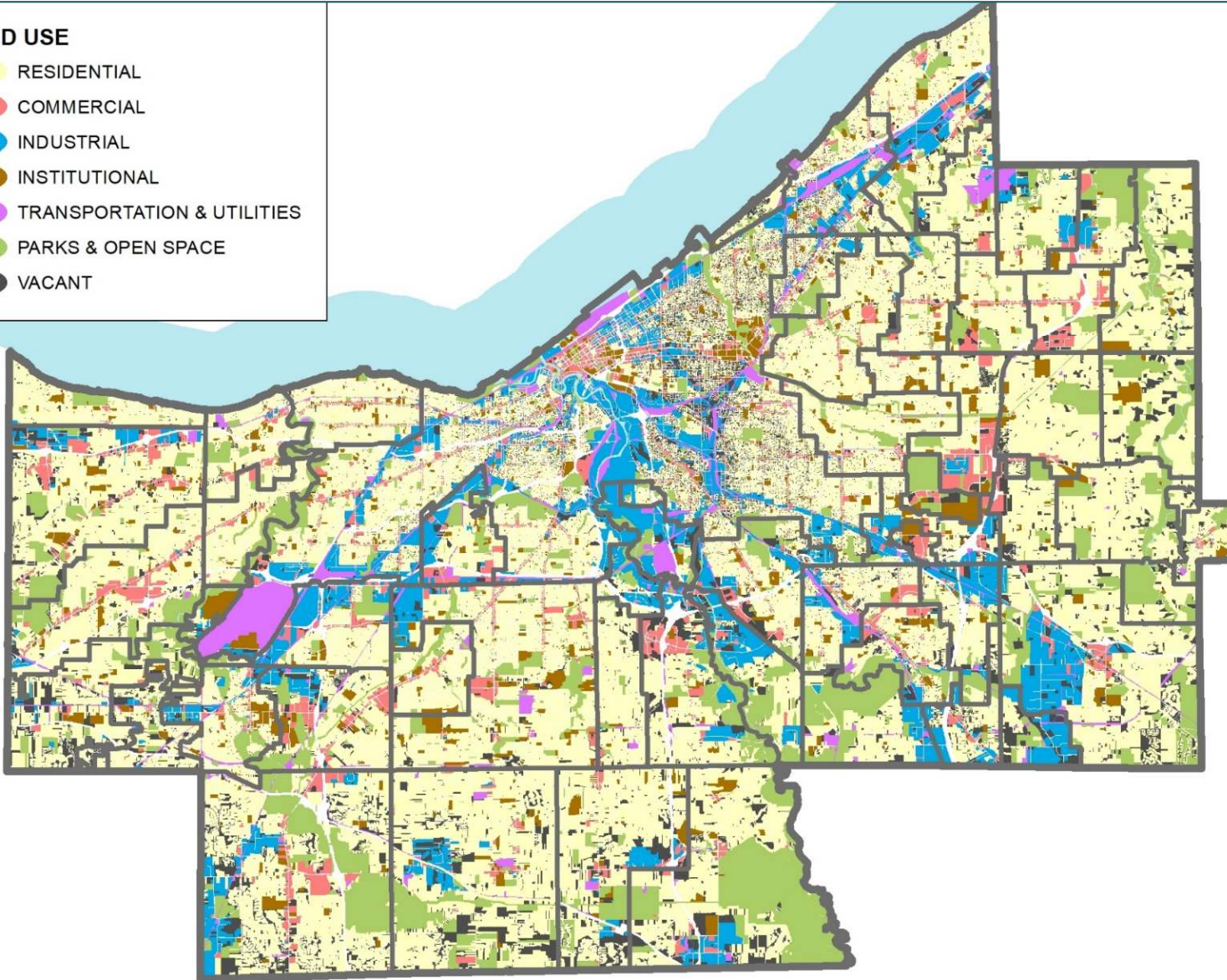




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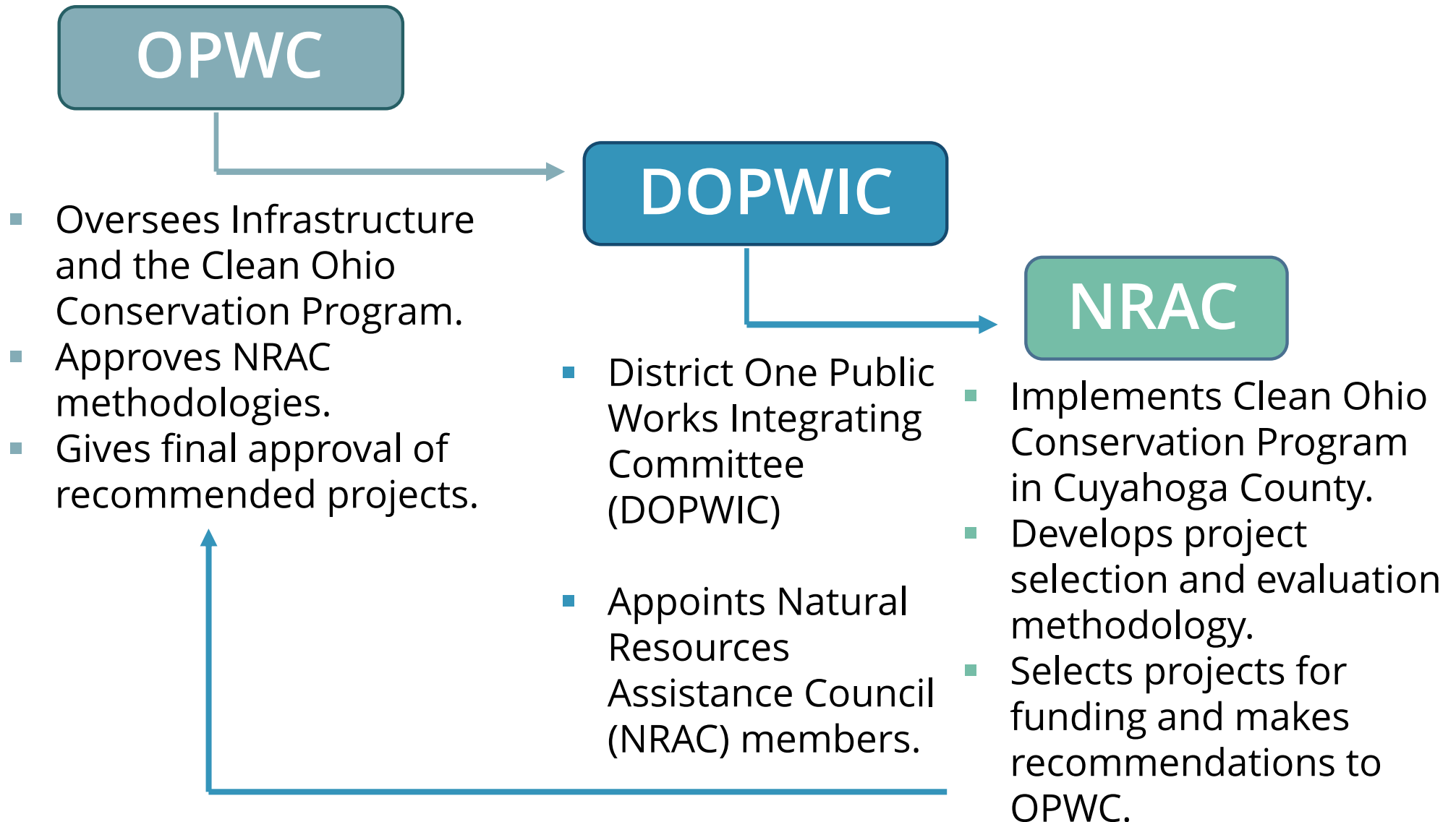
## LAND USE

- RESIDENTIAL
- COMMERCIAL
- INDUSTRIAL
- INSTITUTIONAL
- TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES
- PARKS & OPEN SPACE
- VACANT



- Residential
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Institutional
- Transportation & Utilities
- Parks & Open Space
- Vacant

# CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION



# DISTRICT ONE NRAC MEMBERSHIP

MEMBER	REPRESENTATIVE FOR
<b>Theresa DiVincenzo</b> Ohio Farm Bureau	Agriculture
<b>KYLE DREYFUSS -WELLS,</b> Executive Director, Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District	Environment
<b>VALERIE KATZ, SECRETARY</b> Sustainability Coordinator, Office of Cuyahoga County Executive	Government
<b>CLAIRE KILBANE</b> Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District	Soil and Water Conservation District
<b>HONORABLE PAUL KOOMAR, VICE-CHAIR</b> Mayor, City of Bay Village	District One Public Works Integrating Committee (DOPWIC)
<b>HONORABLE MICHAEL PROCUK</b> Mayor, Village of Brooklyn Heights	Government
<b>JAY RAUSCHENBACH</b> Parks & Recreation Planning Manager, City of Cleveland	Park System
<b>JOSEPH ROSZAK, CHAIR</b> Chief Operating Officer, Cleveland Metroparks	Park System
<b>REBECCA SWAB, PHD</b> Director of Conservation & Community Forestry, Holden Forests and Gardens	Environment
<b>LINDA STERNHEIMER</b> Director, Urban Planning and Engagement, Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority	Business, Realtors, Planning
<b>SEAN TERRY</b> Associate Vice President, Ohio State Director, Trust for Public Land	Environment



# **WHAT'S NEW IN FY 2025**


## **LAWS, RULES, AND ADVISORIES**

OPWC identified rules that specifically impact how an NRAC conducts business and have been added to the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and Ohio Administrative Code (OAC).

Many of these new rules are long standing policies that have been codified. District One is already in compliance with many of these rules.

# WHAT'S NEW IN FY 2025

## LAWS, RULES, AND ADVISORIES

OHIO LAWS & ADMINISTRATIVE RULES  
LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

HOME LAWS ABOUT CONTACT RELATED SITES

go to 101-1-01 Go Keyword Search

This website publishes administrative rules on their effective dates, as designated by the adopting state agencies, colleges, and universities.

Chapter 164-2 | Clean Ohio Funding

Ohio Administrative Code / 164

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Rule

Rule 164-2-01 | Definitions.

Rule 164-2-02 | Access to funds and late infrastructure loan payments.

Rule 164-2-03 | Appraisals.

Rule 164-2-04 | Carbon credits.

Rule 164-2-05 | Declaration of restrictions and long-term ownership or control.

Rule 164-2-06 | Eligible, ineligible items, and activities.

Rule 164-2-07 | Engineering fees.

Rule 164-2-08 | Environmental site assessment (ESA) and suspected environmental contamination.

Rule 164-2-09 | Farmland preservation.

Rule 164-2-10 | Forest ecosystem and sustainability.

Rule 164-2-11 | Mineral rights, oil, and gas.

Rule 164-2-12 | Natural resources assistance council (NRAC) methodologies.

Rule 164-2-13 | Project signs.

Rule 164-2-14 | Park districts and park authorities project support documentation.

Rule 164-2-15 | Privacy policy.

Rule 164-2-16 | Project agreement; scope changes.

Rule 164-2-17 | Project schedule.

Rule 164-2-18 | Protected real property exchange.

Rule 164-2-19 | Requests to proceed and title insurance.

Rule 164-2-20 | Resolutions of support, improvements only projects.

Rule 164-2-21 | Restoration work on clean Ohio property.

Rule 164-2-22 | Revenue-producing activities.

Rule 164-2-23 | Stream restoration and property ownership.

Rule 164-2-24 | Structures.

Rule 164-2-25 | Subdivision codes.

Rule 164-2-26 | Surveys.

Rule 164-2-27 | Utility easements.

## Related Laws & Forms

Ohio Revised Code

Sections 164.20 -164.27

Clean Ohio Conservation  
Fund

Administrative Code

Section 164-2

Clean Ohio Funding

# WHAT'S NEW IN FY 2025

## LAWS, RULES, AND ADVISORIES



Clean Ohio

WELCOME

CLEAN OHIO APPLICATION

PROJECT ADMINISTRATION

LAWS, RULES, ADVISORIES

GREENSPACE GLOSSARY

I'M FUNDED, NOW WHAT

### Laws, Rules, Advisories



Eligibility

Advisories

This material serves to provide policy and guidance for the OPWC Clean Ohio Program. Any questions regarding this material should be directed to the appropriate OPWC Program Representative.

[Download the Clean Ohio Advisories Document](#)

Topics In this document Include:

- Access and Architectural Barriers Act
- Application Types
- Application / Project Location
- Land Acquisition Disbursement
- Life Estate
- Meeting Attendance
- NRAC Administrative Costs
- NRAC Nominations
- Open Meeting Requirements
- Post Acquisition Activity / Site Improvements
- Prevailing Wage and Other Bidding Requirements
- Procurement of Professional Design Services
- Recreational Trails
- Water Quality

[OPWC Clean Ohio  
Advisories  
Downloadable  
Document](#)



# WHAT'S NEW IN FY 2025

## DISTRICT ONE NRAC CHANGES

- **OAC 124-2-12** NRACs shall provide applicants a period of no less than ninety (90) days after the director's approval of their methodologies to accept project applications. Updated Schedule
- **Appraisals** District One NRAC is now accepting **Restricted Appraisal Reports**. If selected for funding the Restricted Appraisal Report must be converted to an Appraisal Report. If the originating document was an Appraisal Report the effective date must be within 12 months of the date of submittal to the OPWC for the Request to Proceed (RTP).



# WHAT'S NEW IN FY 2025

## DISTRICT ONE NRAC CHANGES

- **Community Impact** The updated Green Print Explorer, on the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission website, now includes the community impact criterion data at the parcel level.
- **Structures** District One allows the acquisition and/or demolition of existing structures. Existing structures are permitted to remain on the property if they serve as nature and/or outdoor education centers, venue space for programming and interpretive uses related to conservation, and/or support functions to conservation activities occurring on the property such as storage and administrative offices. Existing structures cannot be used as residences.



# REMINDER FOR FY 2025

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

OPWC requires the use of the Clean Ohio Greenspace Conservation Program logo on any permanent signage erected for projects selected for funding. Forthcoming project agreements will also strongly encourage recipients to acknowledge program funding and OPWC's financial support in their various materials, outlets, and events.





# TYPES OF PROJECTS

## OPEN SPACE

- ❑ Acquisition of open space
- ❑ Acquisition of land or rights in land, such as conservation easements
- ❑ Construction or enhancement of facilities on acquired property
- ❑ Acquisition or enhancement of land to connect natural area corridors

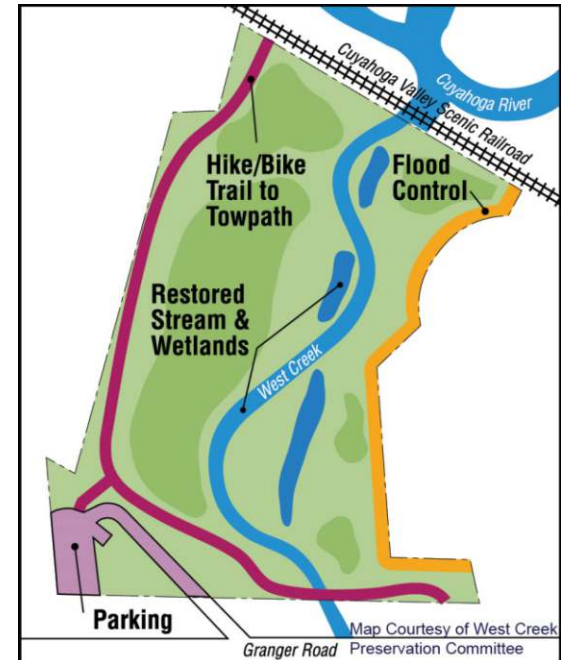
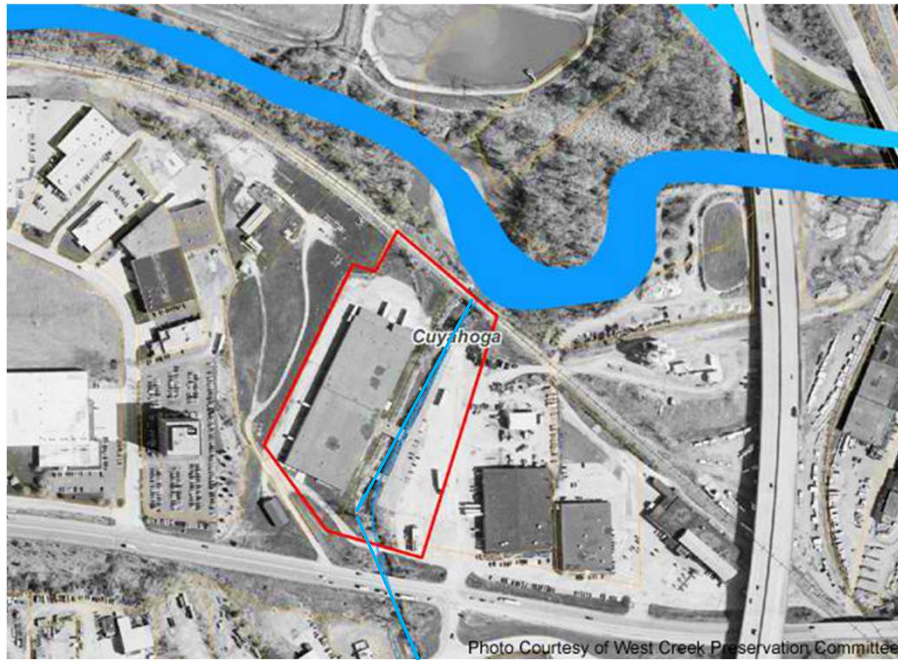
# OPEN SPACE PROJECTS



Expansion of Euclid Creek Reservation



# RIPARIAN CORRIDOR



West Creek Confluence Project





# TYPES OF PROJECTS

## RIPARIAN CORRIDOR

- ❑ Fee simple acquisition of lands to provide access to riparian corridors or watersheds.
- ❑ Acquisition of easements for the purpose of protecting and enhancing riparian corridors or watersheds.
- ❑ Reforestation of land or the planting of vegetation for filtration purposes.

# OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENT



Lower Big Creek Trail Connector Project – Brighton Park

# TYPES OF PROJECTS

## OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENT

- ❑ Construction or enhancement of facilities on properties previously acquired through the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation.



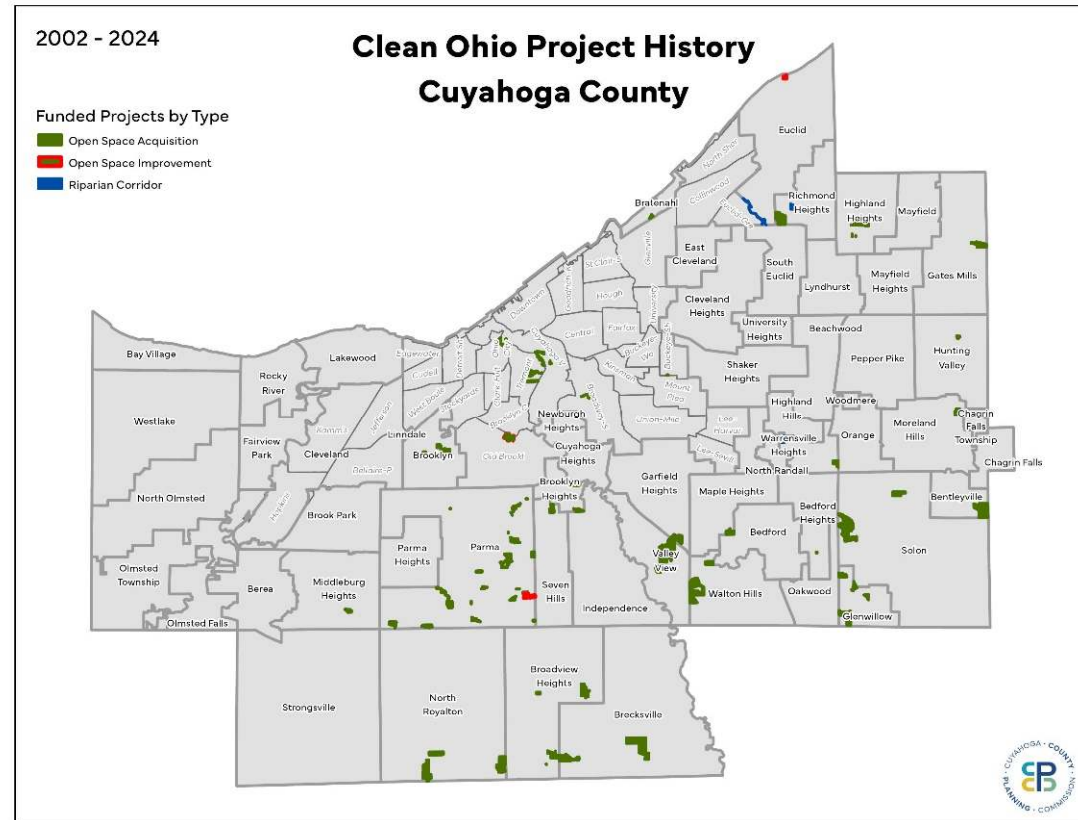
# CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION PROGRAM DISTRICT ONE

## 2000-2024:

- ❑ 144 projects submitted
- ❑ 101 projects funded
- ❑ \$58.5 million awarded

## Area protected:

- ❑ 2,800 acres of natural areas and greenspace
- ❑ Over 77,000 lineal feet of riparian corridors





# DISTRICT ONE GREENSPACE CONSERVATION PROGRAM

**East Branch Rocky River  
Heron Rookery**



**Solomon's Seal wildflower  
at Beecher's Brook**



# FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2025

## OPWC WORKSWISE

- ❑ Use OPWC WorksWise to upload applications, manage projects, and submit disbursement requests
- ❑ Please request a login to WorksWise on OPWC website: [HTTPS://PWC.OHIO.GOV/WORKSWISE-TRAINING](https://PWC.OHIO.GOV/WORKSWISE-TRAINING)
- ❑ Training for Application submittal can be viewed: [HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=CS2F41RL6G](https://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=CS2F41RL6G)
- ❑ Disbursement training video: [HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/ESGJXBD-PKY](https://YOUTU.BE/ESGJXBD-PKY)

# OPWC REQUIREMENTS

## Appraisals

- ❑ Appraisals must be conducted by an ODOT Prequalified Appraiser. If the project includes a conservation easement, in addition to this list, Appraisal Institute Designated Members who have successfully passed the Valuation of Conservation Easements Professional Development Program are now also approved for use.

# OPWC REQUIREMENTS

## Appraisals

- ❑ An appraisal's date of determination value (effective date) must be within 12 months of the date of submittal to the OPWC for the Request to Proceed.
- ❑ If the originating document was an Appraisal Report and it surpasses the 12-month period, a new Appraisal Report will be required;
- ❑ OPWC will not pay for more than one appraisal if additional appraisals are necessary to comply with the 12-month period an Appraisal Report is deemed valid.



# OPWC REQUIREMENTS

## Appraisals

- ❑ OPWC may approve projects where the purchase price exceeds the appraised value, if validated and approved by the NRAC. A change places a maximum such that the price cannot exceed 5% above appraised value.
- ❑ See the FY 2025 Appraisal Standards here - <https://dam.assets.ohio.gov/image/upload/publicworks.ohio.gov/Main%20Website%20Files/Appraisal%20Standards%20Jan%202023.pdf>

# OPWC REQUIREMENTS

## Project Implementation

- ❑ Project acquisition must be completed one (1) year from the date of the Project Agreement
- ❑ Post-acquisition activities must be concluded within two (2) years from date of acquisition unless a formal extension has been approved by OPWC.

# **DISTRICT ONE NRAC POLICY**

## **Recusal Requirements**

In accordance with Ohio's Ethics laws, District One NRAC Members will recuse themselves from discussion, participation in the project site visits, interviews, and scoring specific project applications submitted by, or on behalf, of their organization, or any applications prepared and submitted by their organization for Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Funds. It is recommended to have someone else from the organization be present and address any questions by the NRAC members.

# Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 FUNDING

## Funds Available:

FY 2025 Allocation	\$3,214,479
FY 2024 Carry Over Balance	\$ 2,239,674
<b>Total Available</b>	<b>\$5,454,153</b>

## Local Match Requirement

- ❑ Maximum award: 75% of total project cost
- ❑ 25% local match required



# FUNDING

## Eligible Match:

- ❑ Contributions of money from individuals, local, state, or federal government.
- ❑ Contributions in-kind through the purchase or donation of equipment, land, easements, labor and materials.
- ❑ Appraised value of property.
- ❑ Provide certification that all local revenues for the project will be available on or before the earliest date listed in the project schedule

# ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

## Local Subdivisions

- ☐ Counties
- ☐ Cities
- ☐ Villages
- ☐ Townships

## Special Districts

- ☐ Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- ☐ Park District/Authority

## Non-Profit Corporations

- ☐ Exempt from federal income taxation
- ☐ Has conservation activities as a primary part of its mission

Eligible Applicants must have an approved subdivision code in order to apply. See <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/rule-164-2-25>

# ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

## Ohio Revised Code Chapter 164

- ❑ **164.20(B):** Provides that nonprofits must be environmental and conservation organizations to ensure nonprofits primarily serve to protect environmental and conservation interests. Even though CDC's and other organizations in District One already have subdivision codes, they are no longer eligible to apply for Clean Ohio funds.

# ELIGIBLE & INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

## Eligible Activities

- ☐ Acquisition Expenses
- ☐ Planning and Implementation
- ☐ Site Enhancement or Restoration

## Ineligible Activities

- ☐ Acquisition of land for active recreation
- ☐ Water degradation Projects
- ☐ Aesthetic landscaping/decorative items except as identified above for entrance enhancements
- ☐ Access Improvements on easements
- ☐ Administrative and Monitoring Costs

<https://publicworks.ohio.gov/programs/clean-ohio/advisories-sa>



# ELIGIBLE & INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- ❑ The list of items on the OPWC website has been revised to reflect current practice.
- ❑ NRACs, with any needed guidance from the OPWC and consideration of environmental impacts, will make decisions on a case-by-case basis on the allowance of the following items: disc golf, equestrian use and mountain biking, dam removal.
- ❑ Solar fields are not permitted except for solar panels for existing structures.

<https://publicworks.ohio.gov/programs/clean-ohio/advisories-sa>

# ELIGIBLE & INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- ❑ No new oil and gas leases are permitted once the NRAC has approved the application.
- ❑ Any 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 are subject to the imposition of liquidated damages.

<https://publicworks.ohio.gov/programs/clean-ohio/advisories-sa>

# ELIGIBLE & INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- ☐ Wetland restoration is permitted.
- ☐ No improvements to easements are permitted except for one-time invasive species removal.

<https://publicworks.ohio.gov/programs/clean-ohio/advisories-sa>

# DISTRICT ONE NRAC APPLICATION



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The Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program is dedicated to environmental conservation through acquisition of green space as well as the protection and enhancement of river and stream corridors. This competitive grant program assists local communities as well as environmental and watershed related nonprofit organizations with funding for the preservation of open spaces, sensitive ecological areas, and riparian corridors. Cuyahoga County has approximately \$5,454,153 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025.

## Clean Ohio Conservation Program

[Announcements](#) ▸

[Current Program Year](#) ▸

[Schedule](#) ▸



# DISTRICT ONE NRAC APPLICATION

- ❑ Relates directly to OPWC Policies and the NRAC Evaluation Methodology.
- ❑ Used along with the OPWC Application to review projects.
- ❑ Applicant is responsible for making sure all documents are complete, accurate and submitted by **Friday, June 14, 2024, by 4:30 PM**
- ❑ Screened for eligibility prior to evaluation.

**INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL  
NOT BE EVALUATED BY THE NRAC.**

# APPLICATION SUBMITTAL

- ❑ Submit One (1) copy in the OPWC WorksWise Program utilizing the District One NRAC Standard application format and naming convention
- ❑ Application Supplements must be submitted on the form provided.
- ❑ Materials must be typed using an 11-point font and submitted according to District One NRAC Protocol.

# DISTRICT ONE NRAC FORMAT & NAMING CONVENTION

- ❑ **The OPWC Application**  
[Org name] \_Application.pdf
- ❑ **District One NRAC Application Supplement**  
[Org name] \_Supplement.pdf
- ❑ **Attachments separated by a cover page for:**
  - **Authorizations and Resolutions of Support,**  
[Org name] \_Attachment\_Authorizations.pdf
  - **Agreements and Letters of Support,**  
[Org name] \_Attachment\_AgreementsLOS.pdf

# **DISTRICT ONE NRAC FORMAT & NAMING CONVENTION**

- **Maps and Photos,  
[Org name]\_Attachment\_MapsPhotos.pdf**
- **Natural Resource Information, and  
[Org name]\_Attachment\_NaturalResource.pdf**
- **Property Information by Permanent Parcel Number  
[Org name]\_Attachment[Parcel  
#]\_PropertyInfo.pdf**
  - Letters of Intent/Memorandum of Understanding
  - Purchase Agreements
  - Conservation Easements
  - Deeds and proposed Deed Restrictions
  - Appraisals/Appraisal Standards Review, and County Fiscal Office Valuations



# DISTRICT ONE NRAC PROTOCOL

## ➤ Property Information by Permanent Parcel Number [Org name]\_Attachment[Parcel #]\_PropertyInfo.pdf

## Appraisal Standards

### Ohio Public Works Commission Clean Ohio Greenspace Conservation Program Standards & Procedures for Appraisal Reporting (Revised January 11, 2023)

The Ohio Public Works Commission (the "Commission" or "OPWC") has established the following Standards & Procedures to maintain continuity of the appraisal procedure for the Clean Ohio Greenspace Conservation Program. This document is required to be provided to any appraiser commissioned to perform appraisals whether a fee simple land acquisition or a conservation easement. The appraiser must, in turn, certify that they received and read these Standards and Procedures and include the certification in the appraisal's Letter of Transmittal. OPWC will not approve the Request to Proceed submittal, required prior to obtaining property, without this certification.

The acquisition of any interest in real property that is the subject of a Clean Ohio application must be supported by an appraisal. The *Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice* ("USPAP") defines appraisal as "the act or process of developing an opinion of value" and an appraiser as an individual "who is expected to perform valuation services competently and in a manner that is independent, impartial, and objective." The appraisal is required at the time of application for Clean Ohio funds for review and validation by the Natural Resources Assistance Council (the "NRAC" or "NRACS").

#### Appraisal Requirements

An *Appraisal Report* will be used by the Program to determine the value of the interest in the property being acquired. "Value," per the USPAP, is the "monetary relationship between properties and those who buy, sell, or use those properties." The appraisal and *Appraisal Report* must be performed by an appraiser who is a certified general real estate appraiser holding a current certificate as issued by the Ohio Department of Commerce and is also an [Ohio Department of Transportation \(ODOT\) Prequalified Appraiser](#), credentialed in Appraisal. The *Appraisal Report*, *Restricted Appraisal Report*, or *Appraisal Review Report* must comply with the USPAP and these Standards & Procedures. Note that the *Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions* (commonly known as the "Yellow Book") does not apply to the Clean Ohio Program which is a state-funded program but may be used as applicable and appropriate. The *ODOT Valuation Forms* also do NOT apply to the Clean Ohio program.

An *Appraisal Report* or *Restricted Appraisal Report* is required with the project application in order to substantiate value. The required report type may vary from NRAC to NRAC, and it is therefore advisable to verify the requirements of the NRAC having jurisdiction over the project location prior to ordering an appraisal. Should the application be funded, the OPWC requires an *Appraisal Report* for submission as part of the Request to Proceed (RTP) submittal. Appraisals are deemed valid for 12 months from the date of determination of value (effective date) to the RTP submission date; therefore, a *Restricted Appraisal Report* must be updated, if necessary, and then converted to an *Appraisal Report*. If the originating document was an *Appraisal Report* and it surpasses the 12-month period, a new *Appraisal Report* will be required; therefore, the applicant must be cognizant of the timing of the date of value and the RTP submittal.

The independent appraisal may be ordered by any party involved with the project except for the seller of the property interest, a relative of the seller, or any individual with an association to the seller who may have any actual, perceived, or potential conflict of interest. It is incumbent upon the party

commissioning the appraisal (the "Client and/or Applicant") to clearly communicate to the appraiser the scope of the project, the reason for the appraisal, and the name of any other intended user(s). The scope of the project must be limited to the interest and any improvements being acquired.

Appraisal expenses in compliance with these Standards & Procedures are eligible under Planning and Implementation and are reimbursable in accordance with OPWC's participation ratio, including the cost of converting a *Restricted Appraisal Report* to an *Appraisal Report*. However, OPWC will not pay for more than one appraisal. If additional appraisals are necessary to comply with the 12-month period an *Appraisal Report* is deemed valid.

#### Conservation Easement Appraisals

If a project application is for a conservation easement, then the project scope must also be for a conservation easement. Conservation easements are voluntary, recorded, perpetual agreements entered between a landowner and a governmental agency or 501(c)(3) non-profit agency, and are considered an asset that has value. The conservation easement permanently removes some of the rights to fully develop some or all of the property in order to protect the natural resources of the property. The restrictions imposed by conservation easements can vary significantly depending upon the property owner's needs. Therefore, the Client and/or Applicant must provide the easement language to the appraiser for the appraiser to clearly understand the restrictions and reserved rights outlined in the conservation easement. Appraisers may use the fair market value of the easement based on the sales prices of comparable easements. Since there is usually no substantial record of market-place sales, appraisers typically use an alternative before-and-after value analysis such as in the Yellow Book or in a publication that is accepted as an authoritative source for conservation easements such as that published by the Appraisal Institute. In this case and generally, the fair market value of an easement is equal to the difference between the fair market value of the property it encumbers before the granting of the easement and the fair market value of the encumbered property after the granting of the easement.

Conservation easement appraisals must be conducted by competent appraisers who are experienced in the complicated process of valuing a conservation easement. In addition to the ODOT list of Prequalified Appraisers, the [Appraisal Institute Designated Members](#) who have successfully passed the *Valuation of Conservation Easements Professional Development Program* are also approved for use under OPWC's Standards and Procedures.

#### Variances in Purchase Price and Appraised Value

While the Ohio Revised Code allows the Clean Ohio Greenspace Conservation Program to acquire properties above appraised value, it is critically important for the NRACs to be cognizant of any disparity between the purchase price and appraised value. The Commission may approve projects where the purchase price modestly exceeds the appraised value, if validated and approved by the respective NRAC. Justification must be provided to the NRAC for any acquisition contemplated above the appraised value but cannot exceed 5% which must be factored into the land appraisal. Any difference greater than 5% must be paid for with other funding outside the project. Under no circumstances shall an NRAC approve such a project if the known purpose is to circumvent rules or to cover other costs such as lost tax revenue. These projects will not be issued a Notice to Proceed until the purchase contract, any other

necessary documentation, and qualifying appraisal are received, approved and validated by the NRAC and the Commission.

#### Bargain Sale as Match & Donated Property

Projects for which the purchase price is less than the appraised value, and the value will be utilized for the purpose of creating match or recognized as a gift for tax or charitable purposes, shall be considered a Bargain Sale. Any project where a Bargain Sale will be used for match will be required to have the appraisal reviewed by a second appraiser, a certified general appraiser who is a prequalified ODOT Review Appraiser.

The appraisal reviewer analyzes the information provided by the appraiser of record and prepares an *Appraisal Review Report*. The review's purpose is to confirm the appraiser's opinion of value and to ensure that the purchase price history, comparables, adjustments, and disclaimers are complete and accurate. Any discrepancies or issues noted in an *Appraisal Review Report* must be resolved prior to any issuance of a Notice to Proceed.

The NRAC may request an *Appraisal Review Report* prior to approval to validate the appraisal of projects that are using the difference between the purchase contract and appraised value of properties, because the project stands to receive points in the rating and ranking process for this match. If not requested by the NRAC, the Commission may require an *Appraisal Review Report* prior to issuing an agreement in order to validate local share or match.

#### Life Estate

The Ohio Revised Code allows the Clean Ohio Greenspace Conservation Program to acquire properties with life estates. In a life estate, two or more people each have an ownership interest in a property, but for different periods of time. The person holding the life estate (the "Life Tenant") possesses the property during his or her lifetime. The other owner (the "Remainderman") has a current ownership interest but cannot take possession until the death of the life estate holder.

#### Timber Value

If applicable, the stumpage value of timber (the "Timber Value") may also be considered as a credit in a bargain sale and be used for match. An independent qualified forester or appraiser may perform a timber appraisal to determine the on-site inventory and estimate of stumpage value of timber on the property. The stumpage value of timber generally considers the volume of timber on the property, the species composition, the quality, and other related factors to determine the current Timber Value.

If using Timber Value as bargain sale match, it is the Client and/or Applicant's responsibility to provide this information to the property/land appraiser (and appraisal reviewer if applicable). The appraiser uses this information to determine the impact of the Timber Value on the overall property/land value appraisal and reconciles the Timber Value within the *Appraisal Report*.

The Ohio Public Works Commission recommends using an individual certified by the [Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc. \(ACF\)](#) or the [Society of American Foresters \(SAF\)](#). Both associations have online search queries.

#### Erroneous Appraisals

Appraisals with minor technical or formatting flaws can be corrected relatively easily without major ramifications. However, grossly inaccurate or purposefully misleading overstatements of value are indeed serious and will not be tolerated by any party to the transaction. Such appraisals can erode the public's trust in general, and undermine the legitimacy of the Clean Ohio Greenspace Conservation Fund Program.

Appraisals suspected of inaccuracy are subject to an *Appraisal Review Report* at the sole discretion of the Commission. Appraisers who have prepared fraudulent appraisals will be prohibited from submitting future appraisals to the OPWC for the Program and will be reported to the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing.

#### Influencing Appraisals

While it is very important for the Client and/or Applicant to stay at arm's length from the valuation process to avoid influencing the value, it is also important for the Client and/or Applicant to properly inform appraisers of all material facts that may affect the market value of the property. All appropriate information should be disclosed whether it would tend to increase or decrease the market value of the property. The Client and/or Applicant should inform the appraiser of such things as allowable uses under zoning, presence or absence of wetlands, terms of previous or contemplated purchase contracts, previous sales data, and any other relevant information.

#### Reviewing Appraisals

Upon completion of an *Appraisal Report*, the Client and/or Applicant should review all aspects of the report. Comparable sales should be reviewed very carefully by the Client and/or Applicant to verify the sales are, in fact, comparable to the subject property. The NRAC and Commission will also thoroughly review appraisals for completeness and to verify there are no substantial concerns.

<https://dam.assets.ohio.gov/image/upload/publicworks.ohio.gov/Main%20Website%20Files/Appraisal%20Standards%20Jan%202023.pdf>

# DISTRICT ONE NRAC PROTOCOL

## ➤ Property Information by Permanent Parcel Number [Org name]\_Attachment[Parcel #]\_PropertyInfo.pdf

DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIONS

This Declaration of Restrictions (this "Declaration") is made on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
20\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ [Name of Declarant], [a or an]  
\_\_\_\_\_, (e.g.: Municipality/County/District; the "Declarant").

RECITALS

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

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.

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.

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, which the Property shall be subject to the following:  
*(Replace with specifics on what the property can and cannot be used for including any eligible future plans)*

§2. **Perpetual Restrictions.** The restrictions set forth in this Declaration shall be perpetual and shall run with the land for the benefit of, and shall be enforceable by, the OPWC. This Declaration and the covenants and restrictions shall not be amended, released, extinguished or otherwise modified without the prior written consent of the OPWC, which consent may be withheld in its sole and absolute discretion.

§3. **Enforcement.** If Declarant or its successors or assigns as owner of the Property, as described in Exhibit A, should fail to observe the covenants and restrictions, the Declarant or its successors or assigns, as the case may be, shall pay to the OPWC upon demand from the Director the following: (i) all Grant funds disbursed to the Declarant; and (ii) liquidated damages equal to 100% of the funds disbursed by the OPWC for the Project. Declarant acknowledges and agrees that (a) it is extremely difficult and impractical to ascertain the extent of the damages caused by a breach of the covenants and restrictions set forth in this Declaration; (b) the provisions of this Declaration are unique and money damages would not provide an adequate remedy for any breach thereof; and (c) the remedies set forth in this Section 3 are reasonable and appropriate and are a specifically-bargained-for material inducement for and condition to, without limitation, the OPWC making the Grant to Declarant. Notwithstanding anything in this Declaration or any other document, agreement or application executed or delivered in connection with the Grant to the contrary, the covenants and restrictions set forth in this Declaration shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding Declarant's payment of the liquidated damages contemplated in this Section 3, and the OPWC's receipt of any such liquidated damages payment shall not be construed as a release or waiver of the covenants and restrictions set forth in this Declaration. The OPWC shall have the right to enforce, by any proceedings at law or in equity, all restrictions, conditions and covenants set forth herein. Failure by the OPWC to proceed with such enforcement shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to enforce later the original violation or a subsequent violation.

§4. **Restriction on Transfer of the Property.** Declarant acknowledges that the Grant is specific to Declarant and that the OPWC's approval of Declarant's application for the Grant was made in reliance on Declarant's continued ownership and control of the Property. Accordingly, Declarant shall not voluntarily or involuntarily sell, assign, transfer, lease, exchange, convey or otherwise encumber the Property including, without

OPWC Rev. 12/20

<https://dam.assets.ohio.gov/image/upload/publicworks.ohio.gov/Main%20Website%20Files/Declaration%20of%20Restrictions%201023.pdf>

# DISTRICT ONE NRAC RESOLUTIONS OF SUPPORT

Resolution(s) of Support from the appropriate political subdivision(s) as determined by the Ohio Revised Code, Section 164.23

Requests for Resolution of Support from Cuyahoga County Council due on **April 19, 2024, by 4:30 PM**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT REQUEST FORM**

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PROJECT NAME:

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION:

ADDRESS:

CONTACT PERSON:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

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ESTIMATED PROJECT COST:

CLEAN OHIO GRANT REQUEST:

LOCATION OF PROJECT (provide a brief description below and attach a map):

**COUNCIL DISTRICT(S)** OF PROPOSED PROJECT LOCATION:

PRIMARY PROJECT GOALS:

SUBMIT THIS REQUEST FORM TO ALISON BALL AT [ABALL@CUYAHOGACOUNTY.US](mailto:ABALL@CUYAHOGACOUNTY.US) BY MAY 23, 2023, AT 4:30PM.

Resolutions of Support do not apply to Improvements Only projects since the requirement was met for the property's acquisition.

<https://s3.countyplanning.us/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/FY2025RequestForResolutionsofSupport.pdf>

# DISTRICT ONE NRAC EVALUATION

The evaluation process is divided into three major components:

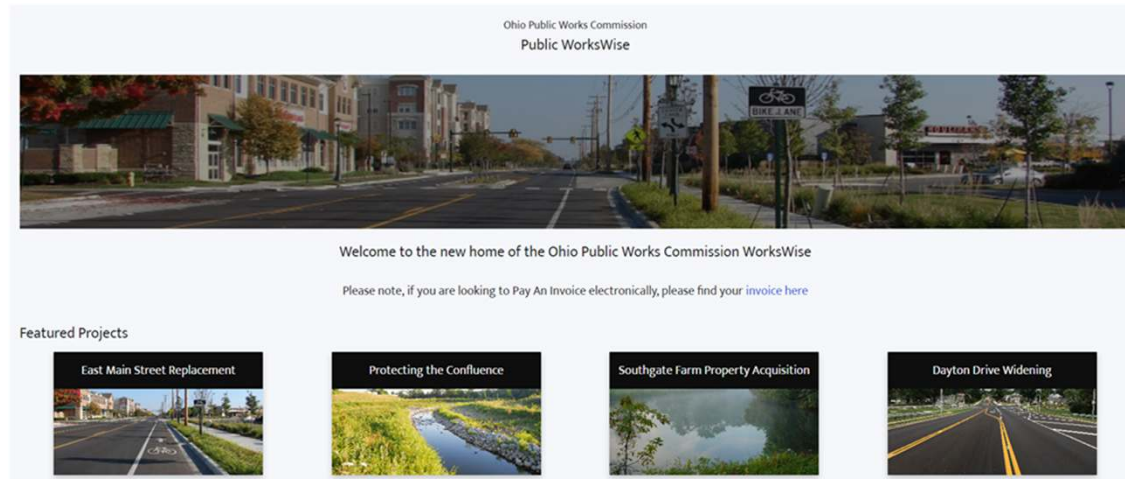
**Phase 1:** Project Eligibility

**Phase 2:** Preliminary Project Scoring includes site visits, Applicant interviews, and Public Meetings

**Phase 3:** Final Project Scoring and Recommendations to OPWC



# OPWC APPLICATION



## Ohio Public Works Commission Public WorksWise

### New Clean Ohio App

NOTE: New Application

To quickly start a new application, fill out the following fields and choose 'Confirm'. You can then complete the application at your leisure.

\*Applicant ⓘ



\*Project Name

\*Project Type ⓘ

--None--



\*Subdivision ⓘ



Prior Project Number ⓘ

\*Project Zip Code

Confirm

<https://ohio-das.force.com/pwc/s/>

# OPWC APPLICATION

## Important points

- ❑ **Project**
- ❑ **Project Financial Resources**
- ❑ **Project Schedule**
- ❑ **Project Description**
- ❑ **Project Officials**
- ❑ **Required Attachments**

<https://dam.assets.ohio.gov/image/upload/publicworks.ohio.gov/Main%20Website%20Files/Ohio%20Public%20WorksWise%20How%20To%20Submit%20An%20Application.pdf>

# OPWC APPLICATION

Ohio Public Works Commission

Ohio Public Works Commission

Public WorksWise

Public WorksWise

Application / Project  
A/P-SYS-043178

Resend Application

Recall Application

Printable View

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St:	Status Description	Project Name	Subdivision	Sub...
Slj	Has been signed (if signing was require...	Hawthorn Creek ...	<a href="#">Cleveland Metropolitan Park District (/pwc/s/ac-</a>	035-0 2043

Details (?tabset-0965f=1)

Related (?tabset-0965f=2)

▼ Instructions

Clean Ohio Instructions

**Detailed instructions, and templates for OPWC required documentation can be found here.** (<https://www.pwc.ohio.gov/Portals/0/Documents/Instructions%20Application%20Clean%20Ohio.pdf?ver=2019-04-29-131348-330>)

NOTES & TIPS:

- The buttons available just above these tips provide functionality to edit specific areas of the application, submit the application, remove the application, etc. When applicable, there are edit buttons corresponding to each section of the application ("Edit Project Financials", "Edit Project Information", "Edit Project Schedule", etc.). Using these buttons will make it easier to meet all of the requirements necessary to enter a complete application. If you do not see a particular function, it may be available under an arrow that may appear to the right of all of the buttons. Click the arrow to see which functions are available. If you do not see an appropriate function at all, it means that the function is not available, or not permitted for the current state of the application / project.
- Before an application can be submitted, all required files must be uploaded. When applicable, files can be uploaded at the bottom of this page -- by clicking the "Add Files" button. Just above the files section, there is a list titled "Required Documentation". This list details each of the files that must be uploaded with the application.
- All calculated fields (percentages, totals, etc.) will only be updated after saving any changes.
- If information is not applicable to your application, and not required to be entered, just leave the field blank -- do not enter "N/A" or other similar values.

PLEASE REFER TO THIS ARTICLE (<https://pwcdev-ohio-das.cs32.force.com/pwc/s/news/201100000004c6EAE>) FOR MORE HELP SUBMITTING APPLICATION

District Specific Instructions<sup>1</sup>

[https://www.countyplanning.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/NRAC-1-Methodology\\_FY2022.pdf](https://www.countyplanning.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/NRAC-1-Methodology_FY2022.pdf) ([https://www.countyplanning.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/NRAC-1-Methodology\\_FY2022.pdf](https://www.countyplanning.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/NRAC-1-Methodology_FY2022.pdf))

▼ Information

Status	Application / Project ID
Signed	APP-043179
Status Description	
Has been signed (if signing was required), or is otherwise ready for review by the district (liaison)	

▼ Project

Project Name	Project Type <sup>1</sup>
Hawthorn Creek Acquisition and Preservation	Greenspace Acquisition
Subdivision <sup>1</sup>	Subdivision Code
<a href="#">Cleveland Metropolitan Park District (/pwc/s/account/0011000000VpYREAA3/cleveland-metropolitan-park-district)</a>	035-02043
County	Project District Number
Cuyahoga	1
Project Zip Code	Project District
44139	<a href="#">District 01 (/pwc/s/account/0011000000VpYQAAAN/district-01)</a>
	Prior Project Number <sup>1</sup>

<https://ohio-das.force.com/pwc/s/>

# WORKSWISE OPWC APPLICATION

All ▼ 🔍 Search Applications / Projects and more...

New Application / Project: Clean Ohio - New Application

Instructions

Clean Ohio Instructions  
<https://www.pwc.ohio.gov/Portals/0/Documents/Instructions%20Application%20Clean%20Ohio.pdf?ver=2019-04-29-131348-530>  
Notes & Tips  
1. All calculated fields (percentages, totals, etc.) will only be updated after saving any changes.  
2. All dates must be entered including the four digit year and be in the order: mm/dd/yyyy -- such as 07/14/2020 or 4/14/2020.  
3. If information is not applicable to your application, and not required to be entered, just leave the field blank -- do not enter 'N/A' or other similar values.  
4. Additional instructions to help submitting your application will be shown after you save this application.

Project

\*Project Name

Complete this field.

\*Project Type ⓘ

--None--

\*Subdivision ⓘ

Prior Project Number ⓘ

\*Applicant ⓘ

\*Project Zip Code

Project Financial Information - Estimated Costs Acquisition

\*Easement

\$0

\*Fee Simple

\$0

Cancel

Save & New

Save

All ▼ 🔍 Search Applications / Projects and more...

Project Schedule

Planning & Implementation Begin Date ⓘ

Planning & Implementation End Date ⓘ

Land Acquisition / Easements Begin Date ⓘ

Land Acquisition / Easements End Date ⓘ

Site Improvements Begin Date ⓘ

Site Improvements End Date ⓘ

NOTE: Project Schedule

Failure to meet project schedule may result in termination of agreement for approved projects. Modification of dates must be requested in writing by project official of record and approved by Commission once the Project Agreement has been executed.

Project Descriptions

Specific Location ⓘ

Project Description ⓘ

Additional Notes from Applicant ⓘ

Project Notes ⓘ

Project Officials

NOTE: Project Officials

You must provide a valid email address for each project official. Each official must have their own, distinct email address. This specification applies to each project official's email address.

Cancel

Save & New

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# DISTRICT ONE NRAC CHECKLIST

## PROGRAM YEAR (FY) 2022 PROJECT CHECKLIST

This checklist of required materials must be completed and submitted along with the FY 2022 Application Materials to insure your application is complete.

PROJECT TYPE: ☐ Open Space w/Land Acquisition ☐ Open Space Development ☐ Riparian Corridor

REQUIRED MATERIALS	YES	NO	N/A
<b>AUTHORIZATIONS</b>			
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. (Page 6. OPWC Application)			
A certification signed by the applicant's chief financial officer stating the amount of funds required for the project will be available on or before the dates listed in the Project Schedule section, and documentation of awarded funds.			
Appropriate Resolution(s) of Support (Please refer to ORC164.23(B)(1) for guidance)			
<b>MAPS</b>			
Location identified on the Cuyahoga County Green Print			
<b>PROPERTY INFORMATION</b>			
Letter of Intent			
Purchase Agreement			
Executed settlement statement, recorded deed, deed restrictions or conservation easement			
Recorded deed or conservation agreement and OPWC proposed deed language			
Certified Appraisal by ODOT Prequalified Appraiser			
Documentation that the Appraiser read <a href="#">OPWC's Standards and Procedures</a>			
Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer's Property Valuation			
If Existing Structure(s) on Property:			
Provide Intended Use			
Provide Current Appraised Value			
Provide Proportion of Value to Overall Property Value			
<b>NATURAL RESOURCE INFORMATION</b>			
Restoration is Part of the Project Scope			
Formal detailed cost estimate by architect, landscape architect, or other professional			
<b>MINERAL RIGHTS</b>			
Current Landowner Retaining Mineral Rights			
Rights Purchased and Transferred to Another Entity			
Rights Purchased and Maintained			
Legal Agreement with Lessee			

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# SECTION TWO:

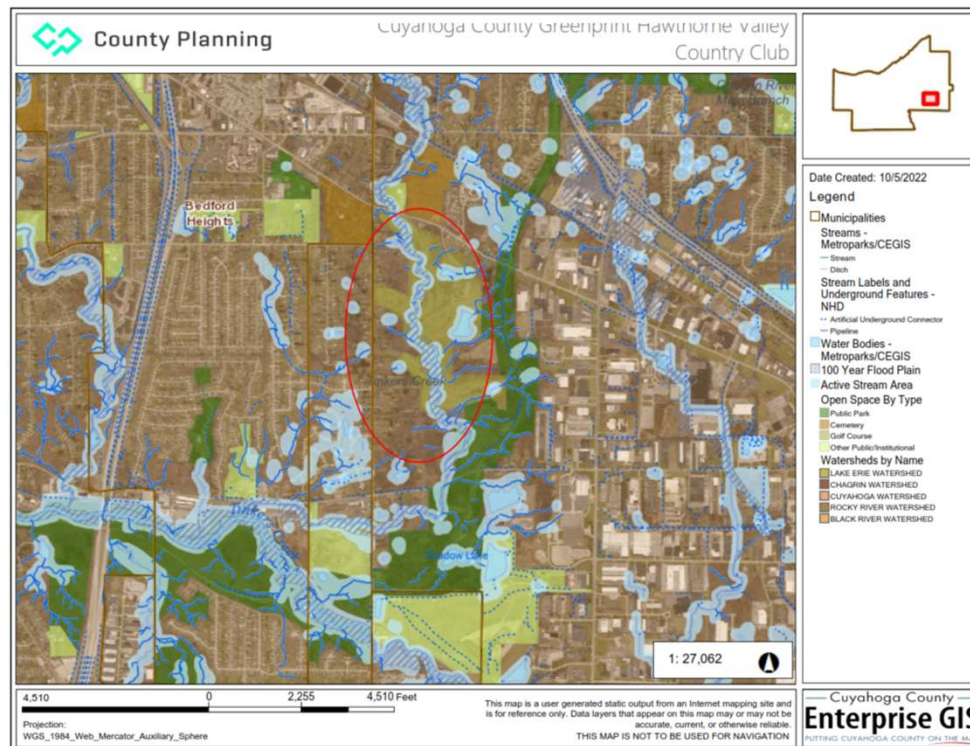
Indicate the value of the land by providing the following required documentation:

1. A summary of the Appraisal Report
2. A certified Restricted Appraisal Report performed by an ODOT Prequalified Appraiser, who is credentialed in appraisals.  
<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Engineering/Consultant/Consultant/prequal-row.pdf>
3. Documentation from the appraiser that they received and read OPWC's Standards and Procedures document  
<https://www.pwc.ohio.gov/Portals/0/Documents/Appraisal%20Standards%200120.pdf?ver=2020-01-27-090500-190>
4. Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer's property valuation for the project site.  
<https://fiscalofficer.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/REPI.aspx>

# SECTION TWO:

**Provide a map showing the project location(s), and a detailed project description. Include the following:**

- ❑ The location as shown in the Cuyahoga County Greenprint Map (<http://www.countyplanning.us/projects/cuyahoga-county-greenprint/> ). Include a Greenprint Map highlighting the location and links in the Maps and Photos Attachment.



# SECTION TWO:


**Provide a map showing the project location(s), and a detailed project description. Include the following:**

- ❑ Describe the current conditions and any site improvements that will result from the project.
  - ❑ The Proposed Deed Restriction that identifies specific Use and Development Restrictions in the Property Information Attachment
  - ❑ An itemized estimate from an architect, landscape architect or other qualified professional that indicates the probable costs for all improvements utilizing Clean Ohio funds. in the Natural Resource Information Attachment
- ❑ Note existing structures on the property, the appraised value of the structure, proportion of value to the overall value, and the intended actions.




# CUYAHOGA COUNTY GREENPRINT

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The Cuyahoga County Greenprint is a collection of web-based tools intended to help planners, environmentalists, and community leaders make good nature- and land-use decisions by visualizing information about their natural and community assets in a map format.

The interactive platform allows users to customize their views and extract data they need for grant applications, reports and community engagement events. We hope these Greenprint tools help you do your job and feed your passions for making Cuyahoga County a more sustainable and natural place.

### Vision

Cuyahoga County's ultimate goal is to be a place where humans and nature both thrive in a balanced fashion. To achieve this, elected officials, civic leaders, developers, and landowners need to make effective land use decisions and exercise best practices that:

- Make the region both climate resilient and climate attractive,
- Protect people and property from flooding and storm events,
- Protect and enhance biological diversity,
- Provide a regional, multi-modal transportation system which includes a non-motorized trail and greenway network, and
- Provide, enhance, and maintain outdoor recreation places for health, fitness, and enjoyment.

### Greenprint Components

#### PROJECT PAGES

- Cuyahoga County Greenprint
- Greenprint Explorer**
- Background
- Geography
- Transportation
- Land as Property
- Land as Nature
- Water
- Social Characteristics
- Training**

#### PROJECT DETAILS

DATE COMPLETED:

**December 2023**

CATEGORIES:

Countywide, Environmental

SERVICES:

<https://www.countyplanning.us/projects/cuyahoga-county-greenprint/>

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# DISTRICT ONE NRAC PRINCIPLES

**To ensure that projects are visible, accessible and instructional, the NRAC has 5 guiding principles:**

1. Preserve natural areas or open space.
2. Restore landscapes that have been degraded or destroyed.
3. Enhance the quality of natural areas or open space to promote passive recreation and educational opportunities.
4. Link natural areas to each other or to county cultural and civic heritage areas.
5. Allow public access to and within natural areas and/or county cultural and civic heritage areas.

West Creek Critical Conservation Linkages



# SECTION THREE: RESTORATION

**Restoration MUST comprise a portion of the project scope, budget, or local match and include supporting documentation in the Natural Resources Attachment.**

- ☐ Reduces or eliminates nonnative & invasive species
- ☐ Restores or improves ecosystems.
- ☐ Reforests and/or restores vegetation, and/or eliminates impervious surfaces
- ☐ Restores steep hillsides

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# SECTION FOUR: PROJECT BENEFITS

Briefly explain (2,000-character limit) the applicable benefits that are anticipated as a result of this project.

- ☐ ECONOMIC
- ☐ SOCIAL
- ☐ ENVIRONMENTAL

Provide supporting documentation in the **Natural Resources Attachment**, as necessary, to support all the stated benefits.

# SECTION FOUR: PROJECT BENEFITS

## ECONOMIC BENEFITS

Briefly explain the applicable economic benefits that are anticipated as a result of this project.

- ☐ Supports a priority local economic and/or community development initiative.
- ☐ Catalyzes other improvements.
- ☐ Increases the value of adjacent or nearby land.
- ☐ Reduces annual municipal service costs (e.g., public safety, public service).
- ☐ Develops or redevelops vacant, underutilized parcels/acres.
- ☐ Other economic benefits.

# SECTION FOUR: PROJECT BENEFITS

## SOCIAL BENEFITS

Briefly explain the applicable social benefits that are anticipated as a result of this project.

- ☐ Provides public access.
- ☐ Creates a gathering place.
- ☐ Provides educational opportunities.
- ☐ Provides bicycle and pedestrian linkages.
- ☐ Removes a blighted image.
- ☐ Improves public health and safety.
- ☐ Enhances the cultural and civic heritage of the area.
- ☐ Incorporates aesthetically pleasing and ecologically informed design.
- ☐ Other social benefits.

# SECTION FOUR: PROJECT BENEFITS

## ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

Briefly explain the applicable environmental benefits that are anticipated as a result of this project.

- ☐ Balances the built environment with the natural environment.
- ☐ Enhances environmental health or reduce ecological risks.
- ☐ Converts degraded parcels/acres to a natural area and/or open space.
- ☐ Creates habitats or other natural areas and/or open space.
- ☐ Improves biodiversity.
- ☐ Protects a rare, threatened or endangered species classified as regionally endangered or included in the State Natural Heritage Inventory
- ☐ Protects high quality or regionally significant biological communities.
- ☐ Reduces the quantity or improve the quality of stormwater runoff.
- ☐ Restores floodplain functions.
- ☐ Other environmental benefits.

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# SECTION FIVE: COMMUNITY IMPACT

Cuyahoga County needs an integrated system of key natural areas that will provide benefits to all residents, particularly those residents that reside in areas that lack greenspace and/or the ability to enjoy the benefits of these areas.

The scoring for Community Impact will be awarded in the following categories: access to natural areas, percent low-income, percent minority population, and access to public transit and bikeways, based on 2020 census tract boundaries.

# SECTION FIVE: COMMUNITY IMPACT

Data for awarding points include the following sources:

- ❑ **Access to Natural Areas:** Impervious Surface, 2019 Urban Tree Canopy Assessment Update
- ❑ **Percent Low-Income:** U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
- ❑ **Percent Minority Population:** U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
- ❑ **Access to Public Transit and Bikeways:** RTA Stops, Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (Fall 2023) and Bike Routes, NOACA Regional Bike Network, Existing Routes (Fall, 2023)

# SECTION FIVE: COMMUNITY IMPACT

Identify the census tract(s) where your project is located, using the [Cuyahoga County Greenprint Explorer](#) to fill out the Community Impact Table.

Parcel Number	Census Tract	Percent Impervious Surface	Percent Below Poverty	Percent Minority	Percent within ¼ Mile of Bikeway or Transit

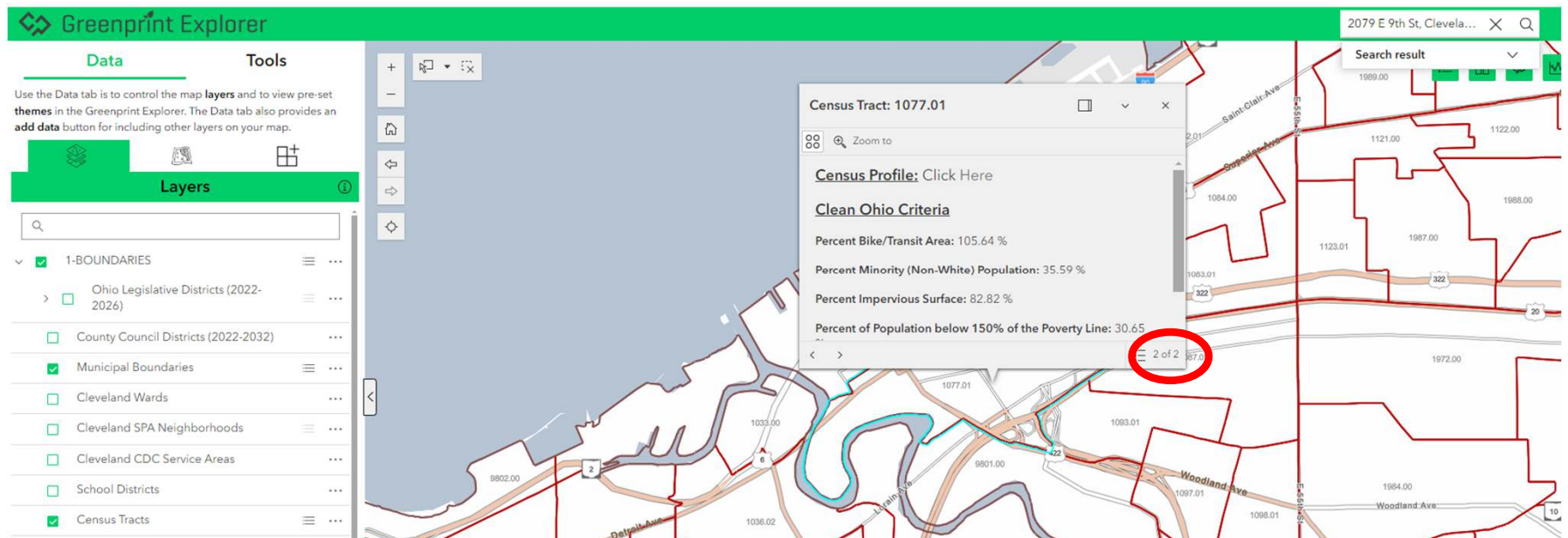
Note if the project is in more than one census tract, the score will be calculated as an average of the census tracts. Census tract(s) that have zero (0) population will be scored based on the average of the census tracts in a half-mile buffer around the project location.

# SECTION FIVE: COMMUNITY IMPACT

Zoom in to the proposed project area with standard pan/zoom tools or enter an address to find the Census Tract(s) associated with your project.

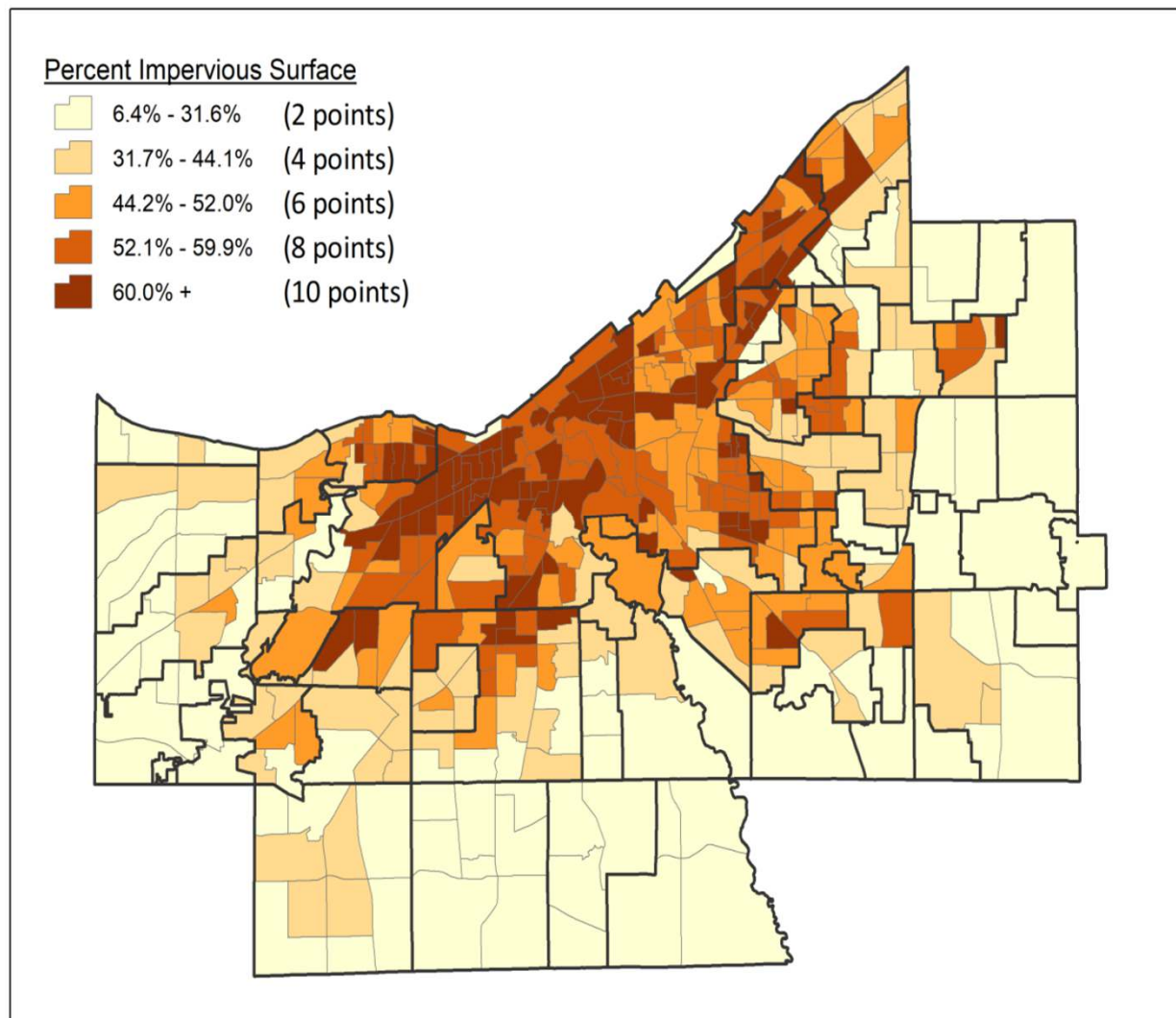
Select the BOUNDARIES group and the Census Tracts layer.

Click in the Census Tract and go to page 2 of the pop-up box for the data associated with your project.



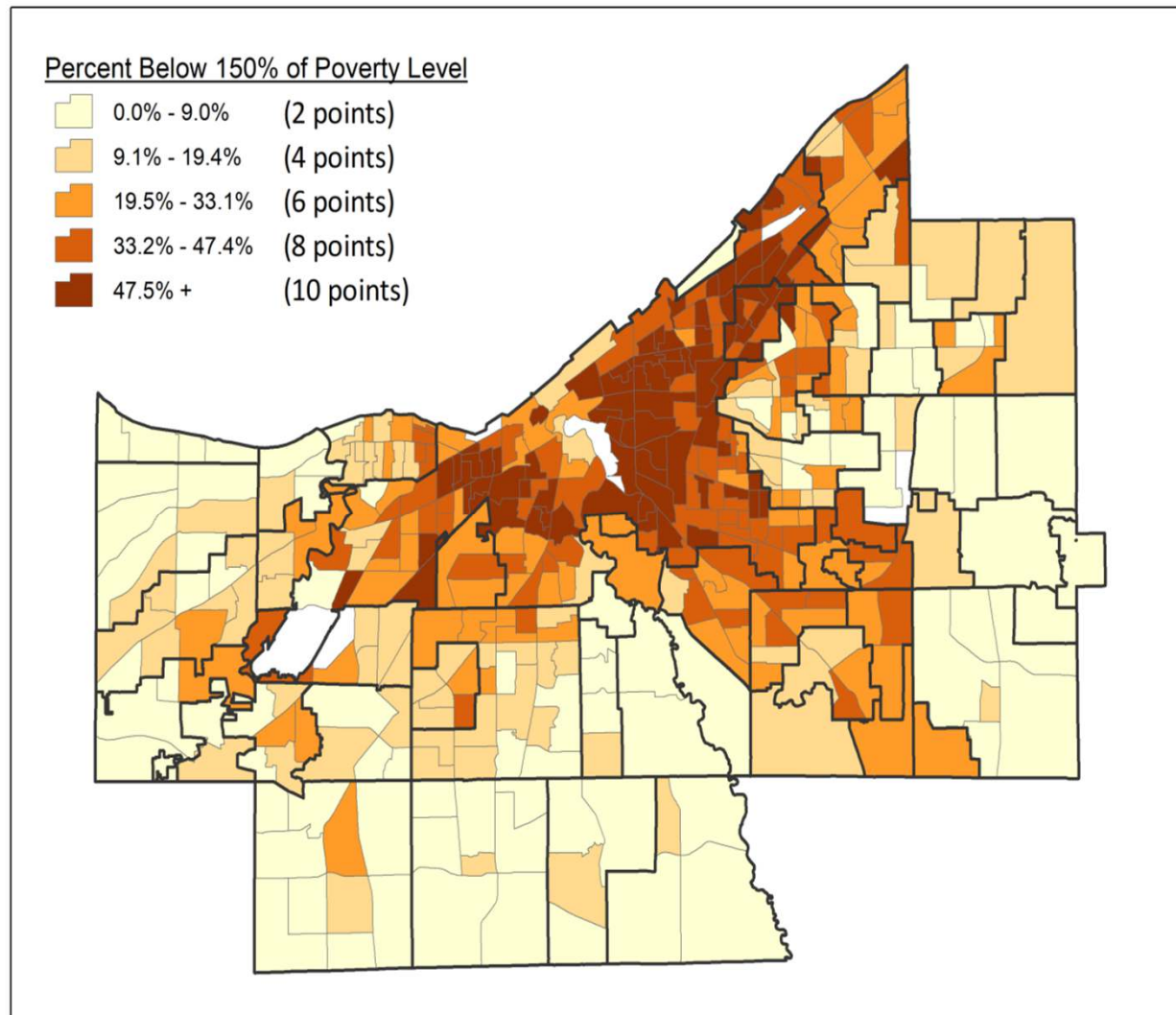
# SECTION FIVE: COMMUNITY IMPACT

Points for access to natural areas will be awarded based on the percent of impervious surface in the census tract that contains the project area.



# SECTION FIVE: COMMUNITY IMPACT

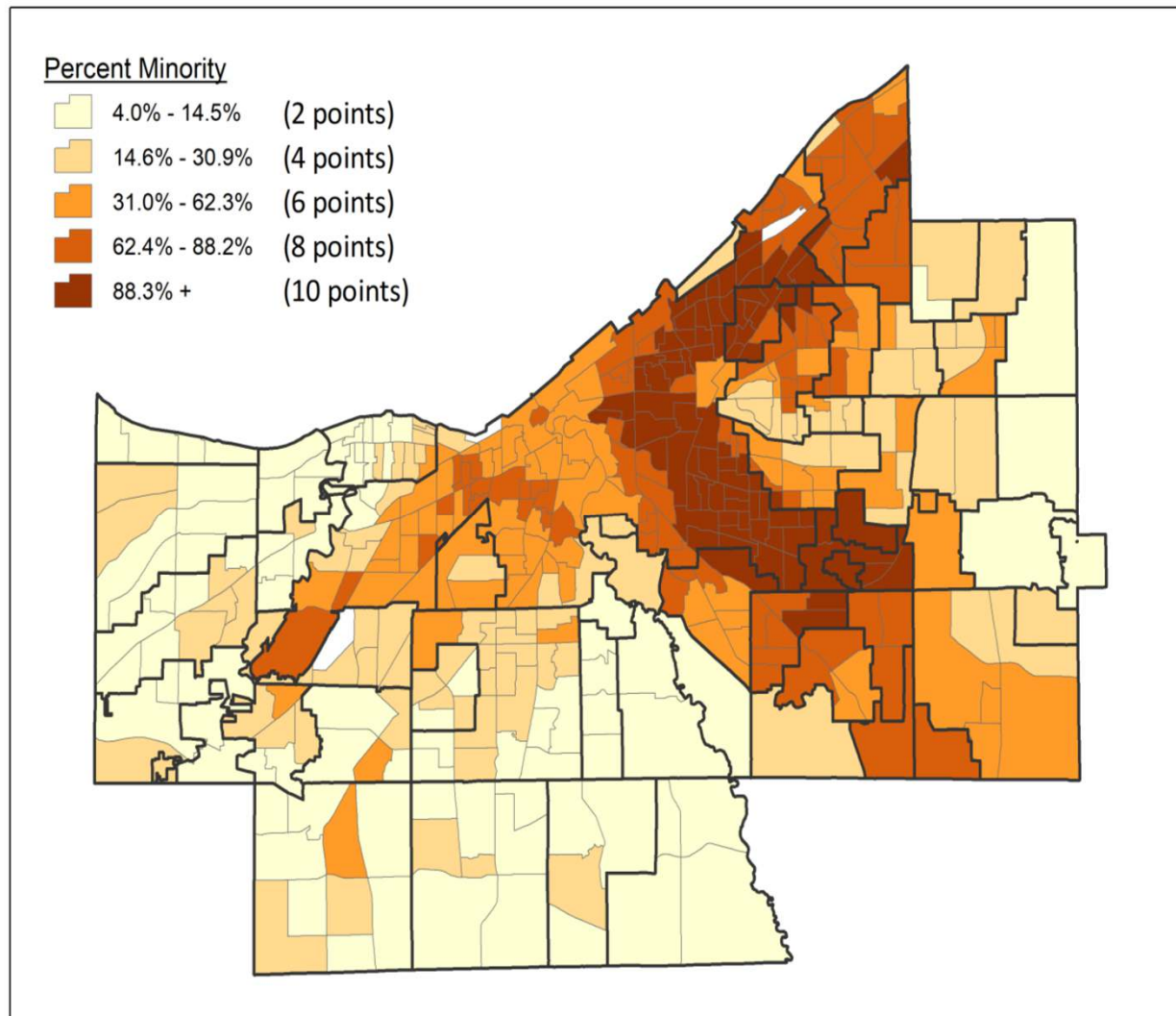
Points will be awarded based on the percent of population below 150% of the poverty level in the census tract that contains the project area.





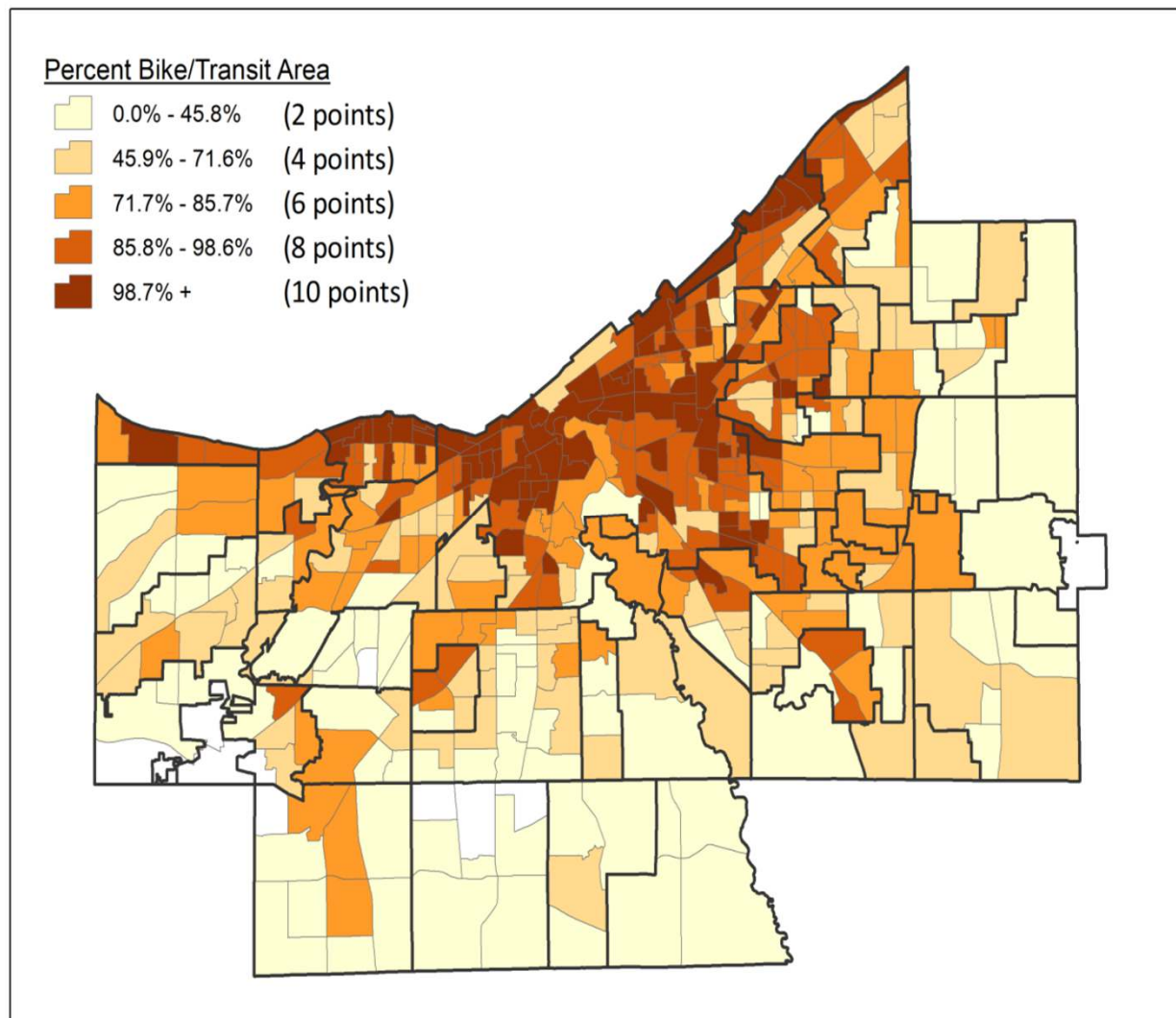
# SECTION FIVE: COMMUNITY IMPACT

Points will be awarded based on the percentage of non-white and/or Hispanic population in the census tract that contains the project area.



# SECTION FIVE: COMMUNITY IMPACT

Points will be awarded based on the percent area of the tract that is within a quarter mile of transit stops and bikeways in the tract that contains the project area.



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# SECTION SIX: OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS

- ❑ Local Match
- ❑ Level of Coordination
- ❑ Readiness to Proceed
- ❑ Immediacy
- ❑ Mineral Rights

# SECTION SIX: OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS

## Local Match

**Projects will be awarded points in this category based on the total match provided:**

<b>% of Local Match</b>	<b>PY 2021 Points</b>
25	3
35	4
45	5
55	6
65	7
75	8
85	9
≥95	10

**Provide a breakdown of the local match (e.g., federal and state grants) and specify all sources. Include certification of funds.**

# **SECTION SIX: OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS**

## **Level of Coordination**

**Applicants should explain the following:**

- ❑ Briefly explain if the project is part of an adopted regional, county, community, or watershed plan. Provide project plan documentation.
- ❑ The agencies and organizations that have been involved in the planning and preparation of this project application.
- ❑ The level of coordination that each agency or organization has provided.

**Attach Letters of Support**



# SECTION SIX: OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS

## Readiness to Proceed - A

### ACQUISITION

Acquisition Projects must provide documentation of a pending land transaction:

- ❑ A fully executed contract with the owner (signed purchase agreement) will receive 5 points.
- ❑ A contract/purchase agreement that does not have all the signatures or a letter/memorandum of understanding will receive 3 points.

**Applications with confidentiality agreements in lieu of purchase agreements will not be evaluated.**

**Projects not scheduled for acquisition within 12 months from the date of the Project Agreement will be rejected.**

# SECTION SIX: OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS

## Readiness to Proceed

### PROJECT USE AND DEVELOPMENT

Projects will be awarded up to 5 points based on readiness to implement improvements to the project area. What is the end use for the project site? Copy the Use and Development Restrictions language from the Proposed Deed and briefly explain the implementation process for the project use in the Proposed Deed.

§1. Use and Development Restrictions. Declarant hereby agrees, for itself and its successors and assigns as owners of the Property, which the Property shall be subject to the following:

*(Replace with specifics on what the property can and cannot be used for including any eligible future plans)*

Provide one or more of the following documents:

- ☐ Project Schedule,
- ☐ Itemized estimate of probable costs for all improvements provided by an architect, landscape architect, or other qualified professional, and/or
- ☐ Documentation of appropriate permits or permitting process.

# SECTION SIX: OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS

## Immediacy

**Applicants must indicate the following:**

- ❑ If the project area is vulnerable to being developed as something other than open space; and
- ❑ How this development would be detrimental to the community.
- ❑ Why this project should be a priority this funding round.

# SECTION SIX: OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS

## Mineral Rights

### **Applicants must indicate whether:**

- ☐ The current landowner will retain the mineral rights;
- ☐ The mineral rights will be purchased and transferred to another entity;
- ☐ The applicant obtained legal agreements with Lessee to minimize the impacts of the mineral rights lease and/or can show how current oil and gas well(s) will not impact sensitive natural resource areas; or
- ☐ The mineral rights will be purchased and maintained.

# DISTRICT ONE NRAC EVALUATION

CRITERIA	MAXIMUM POINTS	WEIGHT FACTOR	MAXIMUM WEIGHTED POINTS	%
County Principles				
Preserves	10	3	30	10.17
Restores	10	1	10	3.39
Enhances	10	3	30	10.17
Links Areas	10	2	20	6.78
Allows Access	10	3	30	10.17
<i>Principles Subtotal</i>	50		120	40.68

# DISTRICT ONE NRAC EVALUATION

CRITERIA	MAXIMUM POINTS	WEIGHT FACTOR	MAXIMUM WEIGHTED POINTS	%
Benefits				
Economic	10	1	10	3.39
Social	10	2	20	6.78
Environmental	10	3	30	10.17
Benefits Subtotal	30		60	20.34



# DISTRICT ONE NRAC EVALUATION

CRITERIA	MAXIMUM POINTS	WEIGHT FACTOR	MAXIMUM WEIGHTED POINTS	%
<b>Community Impact</b>				
Access to Natural Areas	10	2	20	6.78
Percent Low-Income	10	2	20	6.78
Percent Minority Population	10	2	20	6.78
Access to Transit & Bikeways	10	1	10	3.39
<i>Community Impact Subtotal</i>	40		70	23.73

# DISTRICT ONE NRAC EVALUATION

CRITERIA	MAXIMUM POINTS	WEIGHT FACTOR	MAXIMUM WEIGHTED POINTS	%
<b>Other Relevant Factors</b>				
Other Project Funding	10	1	10	3.39
Level of Coordination	10	1	10	4.0
Readiness to Proceed - A	5	1	5	1.69
Readiness to Proceed - B	5	1	5	1.69
Immediacy (bonus)	10	1	10	4.0
Mineral Rights	5	1	5	1.69
<i><b>Other Subtotal</b></i>	<b>45</b>		<b>45</b>	<b>15.25</b>
<b>TOTAL*</b>	<b>177</b>		<b>295</b>	<b>100</b>

\*PROJECTS MUST RECEIVE A SCORE OF AT LEAST 60% or 177 WEIGHTED POINTS OF THE TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING.

# CLEAN OHIO FY 2025 SCHEDULE

DATE*	ACTIVITY
Wednesday, March 20, 2024	FY 2025 Applicant Workshop
Friday, April 12, 2024	Application Assistance Virtual Office Hours 10am - Noon
Friday, April 19, 2024	County Council Resolution Requests Due by 4:30 p.m.
<b>Friday, June 14, 2024</b>	<b>Clean Ohio Applications Due by 4:30 p.m.</b>
June 14 – June 21, 2024	Preliminary screening of submitted applications
<b>Tuesday, July 16, 2024</b>	<b>Site Visits</b>
June 21 – August 28, 2024	NRAC Evaluation and Preliminary Scoring
<b>Wednesday, July 31, 2024</b>	<b>NRAC Meeting – Applicant Interviews</b>
Friday, August 9, 2024	NRAC Scores Submitted
<b>Wednesday, August 28, 2024</b>	<b>NRAC Meeting – Review Scores**</b>
<b>Wednesday, September 25, 2024</b>	<b>NRAC Meeting – Vote on Final Project Ranking**</b>

\*All Dates are subject to change

\*\* Vote on Final Project Ranking may occur at the August 28th Score Review Meeting

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# **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**