



# CLEAN OHIO GREEN SPACE CONSERVATION PROGRAM

District 4  
Natural Resources Assistance Council  
(NRAC)

## PY16 Funding Round APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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*This document, along with the "Ohio Public Works Commission Application for Financial Assistance" will be used by the NRAC to evaluate projects.*

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## SECTION ONE – PROJECT EMPHASIS

Check each factor that will be achieved by the project.

### 1.1 OPEN SPACE PROJECTS - Check each factor relevant to the project.

ORC 164.22(A)

- Result of a comprehensive open space plan.
- Incorporates aesthetically pleasing and ecologically informed design.
- Enhancement of economic development that relies on recreation and ecotourism in areas with relatively high unemployment or lower incomes
- Protects habitats of rare, threatened and endangered species.
- Protects high quality, viable habitats for plant and animal species.
- Preserves high quality wetlands or other scarce natural resources within the county.
- Provides educational opportunities and physical links to schools and after-school centers.
- Preserves or restores natural features that contribute to the quality of life and the county's natural heritage
- Reduces or eliminates nonnative, invasive species of plants or animals.
- Promotes the proper management of the ecosystem while allowing for fishing, hunting and trapping.

### 1.2 RIPARIAN CORRIDOR PROJECTS - Check each factor relevant to the project.

ORC 164.22(B)

- Increases habitat protection.
- Result of a stream corridor-wide or watershed-wide plan
- Provides multiple recreational, economic and aesthetic preservation benefits.
- Preservation or restoration of floodplain and streamside functions.
- Preservation of headwater stream.
- Restoration and preservation of aquatic biological communities

## SECTION TWO - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

### 2.1 TYPE OF PROJECT FOR WHICH FUNDS ARE BEING REQUESTED:

Check the project type and provide appropriate documentation

<b>Acquisition of Land</b> - Check the type of acquisition.	
Fee Simple	
Easement Purchase	
Land Donation	
<b>Open Space Improvement Project</b> to enhance Clean Ohio properties to make the land accessible and useable	
<b>Riparian Corridor</b>	

### 2.2 APPRAISAL OR CONSERVATION VALUE AND PROPERTY INFORMATION:

Please fill out the following questions and provide the required documentation for projects that include land acquisition.

Appraisal value analysis: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Purchase Price of Property: \_\_\_\_\_

YES	NO	
		Is this a bargain sale, in which the purchase price is less than the appraised value? *
		Is this a Riparian Corridor Project in which the applicant already owns the property? If yes, please include a copy of the property deed, and a draft of the OPWC restrictions to be included in a deed or conservation easement.

\*If the acquisition is a bargain sale and the project consists of leveraging the difference between the appraised value and purchase contract as match, then applicants are required to have an appraisal review performed by an ODOT Prequalified Appraisal Reviewer to ensure that the purchase price history, comparables, adjustments, and disclaimers are accurate. (See Policy Manual)

## 2.3 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Provide a project description, including a map showing the project location(s), the local setting and, if applicable:

1. Is this part of a phased project? If so, briefly explain the larger project and the specific phase that is included in the application.
2. Are there existing structure(s) on the property? If so, what is the appraised value of the structure(s), proportion of value to the overall value, and the intended action(s) (e.g. demolition, re-use, etc.)

# SECTION THREE - PROJECT BENEFITS

## 3.1 Environmental Benefits – 4 points each (44 points maximum)

ORC 164.22

Check all the benefits that apply. Explain how this project will accomplish each item. In order to receive points, the environmental benefit must be included as part of this application. Future improvement will not be considered.

- Balances the built environment with the natural environment
- Enhances environmental health or reduces 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
- Reduces or eliminates nonnative, invasive species of plants or animals
- Other environmental benefits

Comments:

### 3.2 Economic Benefits – 2 points each (12 points maximum)

ORC 164.22

Check all the benefits that apply. Explain how this project will accomplish each item. In order to receive points, the economic benefit must be included as part of this application. Future improvement will not be considered.

- 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

Comments:

### 3.3 Social Benefits – 2 points each (18 points maximum)

ORC 164.22

Check all the benefits that apply. Explain how this project will accomplish each item. In order to receive points, the social benefit must be included as part of this application. Future improvement will not be considered.

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

Comments:

## SECTION FOUR - NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT

5 points each

Explain how this application fits the needs of District 4.

4.1 Is the project part of an adopted regional, county, community or watershed plan? When was plan formally adopted? Provide project plan documentation.

4.2 Will the project be of regional or county significance? If so, explain how.

## SECTION FIVE - OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS

5.1 OTHER PROJECT FUNDING – Maximum of 8 points

The local match scoring is based on Section 1.2 of the OPWC Application.

5.2 LEVEL OF COORDINATION – 2 points

*Projects that involve more than one agency or organization will be given points. To qualify for points, there must be financial contributions, donation of property, assistance in planning and implementing the project.*

Describe the agencies and organizations that have been involved in the planning and preparation of the application. What level of coordination has each agency or organization provided (e.g. monetary, land donation, etc.)? Include supporting documentation.



### 5.3 READINESS TO PROCEED – 2 points

Projects acquiring property must provide documentation of a pending land transaction. Check documentation provided:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Fully executed contract with the owner (signed purchase agreement)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Contract with the owner (purchase agreement but not all signatures included)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Letter / memorandum of understanding

For riparian corridor projects or open space improvement projects in which the applicant already owns the property, provide at least one of the following:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Project Schedule
- \_\_\_\_\_ Formal estimate or quote by architect, landscape architect, or other qualified professional
- \_\_\_\_\_ Documentation of appropriate permits, or permitting process

### 5.4 IMMEDIACY – 2 points

Explain any circumstances (e.g. development pressure) that may be occurring that requires immediate action.

## 5.5 MINERAL RIGHTS

2 points for retaining all mineral rights.

Explain the property rights in regards to mineral rights and extraction that will be conveyed in the purchase agreement or conservation easement. **The District 4 NRAC will not allow clean Ohio Funds to be used to purchase parcels that contain active gas and oil wells.**

Please provide the following information on the property being acquired:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date of any pre-existing lease or similar agreement on the mineral rights, including oil, gas and/or extraction leases  
\_\_\_\_\_ Does any lease agreement allow for surface disturbance within the property?

Property Rights (choose one):

\_\_\_\_\_ The current landowner retain the mineral rights  
\_\_\_\_\_ The mineral rights be purchased and transferred to another entity  
\_\_\_\_\_ The mineral rights will be purchased and maintained by the applicant