

District 12 - Lucas County
Natural Resources Assistance Council
Scoring Methodology

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Project Name:

Applicant:

Project Scoring Summary

0 Part II Score: 0 of 44 points possible

0 Part III Score: 0 of 43 points possible

0 Part IV Score: 0 of 17 points possible

Total Project Score: 0 of 104 points possible	
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PART I: PRELIMINARY SCREENING

YES	NO

Applicant is eligible entity

Complete application uploaded to WorksWise by 5:00 PM on October 13, 2023

Project purpose must involve at least one of the following from A. or B. below:

A. Open Space (ORC 164.22 A)

Acquires land for parks

Acquires land for public forests

Acquires land for wetland preservation or enhancement

Acquires land for natural areas protecting potentially threatened, threatened or endangered species

Acquires land for other natural areas

Acquires land for connecting corridors for natural areas

Permanent conservation easement

*Constructs or enhances facilities necessary to make open space area acquired by Clean Ohio greenspace grant accessible & usable by the general public.

YES	NO

B. Riparian Corridors or Watersheds (ORC 164.22 B)

YES	NO

Protects or enhances riparian corridors or watersheds including the protection and enhancement of streams, rivers and other waters of the state.

Reforests land in riparian corridors or watersheds

Plants vegetation for filtration purposes

Acquires land for purposes of providing access to riparian corridors or watersheds

Acquires land for other purposes necessary for the protection and enhancement of riparian corridors or watersheds.

Acquires permanent easements for the purpose of protecting and enhancing riparian corridors or watersheds.

C. Construction or Enhancement of Facilities

YES	NO	N/A
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			Is this project only for development including construction or enhancement of facilities necessary to make open space accessible and useable by the general public, and does not include acquisition of any property? If yes, continue to next question; if no, skip the next two questions and continue with the ADA question.
			Was the property which is to be developed or enhanced acquired using a prior Clean Ohio grant? If yes, continue with next question; if no the project is ineligible

If the previous question was yes, enter the Clean Ohio Fund project name and number that provided funding for acquisition. If the previous answer was no, this project is ineligible\ (ORC 164.22).

Enter Name and Number of project by which the property was acquired:

			Will the planned development project, including facilities necessary to make open space accessible and useable by the general public, be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and/or any other law, if applicable, relating ot accessibility by individuals with disabilities or handicaps?
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"Facilities necessary to make open space accessible and useable by the general public" include parking lots, benches, fencing, invasive species removal (1st time), kiosks/signs, observation decks, pedestrian bridges, plantings for restoration, trails and trash receptacles.

D. Would the project:

YES	NO	
		Accelerate untreated water runoff
		Encourage invasive nonnative species
		Initiate or perpetuate waterway projects such as dams, dredging, sedimentation, bank clearing, ditch development or channelization which may result in a net negative ecological impact?
		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

If Yes to any of the above in D, the project is ineligible (ORC Section 164.22).

If project meets Preliminary Scoring Requirements move on to next Section.

Part II: NRAC SCORING METHODOLOGY

Per ORC 164.24, NRACs shall consider all the following in approving or disapproving a grant: Does the project emphasize the following pursuant to Section 164.22 (A or B), ORC? (Applicants must provide supporting information for each question)

Points Awarded	Points Maximum		Question Number	
	3		1.	Protects existing natural habitat for potentially threatened, threatened, or endangered species. Must list existing natural habitat and species.

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	2	2.	Includes a plan to reduce or eliminate nonnative, invasive species of plants or animals. A management program must be outlined in detail to receive points.
	3	3.	Preserves high quality, viable habitat for native plant or animal species B refer to glossary and Habitat Suitability Index
	2	4.	Restores or preserves aquatic biological communities
	2	5.	Preserves headwater streams or wetlands that provide environmental benefits such as flood attenuation, aquatic habitat, and pollution assimilation
	2	6.	Preserves or restores functioning floodplains
	1	7.	Preserves or restores water quality
	3	8.	Preserves or restores natural stream channels as defined in the Glossary. Natural stream channels are not channelized (i.e. ditches)
	2	9.	Preserves or restores streamside forests
	3	10.	Preserves Category 3 (high quality) wetlands. Must include ORAM scoring sheet.
	1	11.	Enhances wetlands
	1	12.	Preserves or restores other natural features that contribute to quality of life and state's natural heritage
	3	13.	Adds high quality habitat to an existing protected high quality natural area of at least 100 acres
	1	14.	Re-vegetates with native plants for filtration to improve water quality
	2	15.	*Incorporates aesthetically pleasing and ecologically informed design including sensitivity to the terrain, natural resources and heritage of the property
	3	16.	Enhances environmental educational opportunities through formal programs
	1	17.	*Provides physical links to schools and/or after school centers
	2	18.	*Includes pedestrian/bicycle linkages to other open space preserves and population centers
	1	19.	*Provides multiple recreational, economic and aesthetic preservation benefits
	2	20.	Allows proper management of areas where safe fishing, hunting and trapping may take place in a manner that will preserve balanced natural ecosystems
	1	21.	*Enhances economic development that relies on recreation and ecotourism
	3	22.	Provides connecting corridor for protected natural areas
0	44	Total Points for Part II	

Part III: NRAC SCORING METHODOLOGY

NRAC shall consider the following in approving or disapproving a grant *(Applicants must provide supporting information for each question)* :

Points Awarded	Points Maximum	Question Number
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	4	1.	Percentage of Clean Ohio matching funds necessary to complete project (ORC 164.24 A3): ◆ 75% (required: no points) ◆ 74-70% gets 1 point ◆ 69-65% gets 2 points ◆ 64-60% gets 3 points ◆ < 60% gets 4 points
	6	2.	Level of coordination (ORC 164.24 A4): Coordination means project carries out a specific plan of an agency/organization that was adopted more than one (1) year prior to application submittal. An agency or organization could offer in-kind or monetary contribution to the project to help implement another organization's plan. ___ local political subdivisions (1 point) ___ state agencies (1 point) ___ federal agencies (1 point) ___ community organizations (1 point) ___ conservation organizations (1 point) ___ local business groups (1 point)
	2	3.	Level of conservation coordination (ORC 164.24 A5) with other Open space or Riparian Corridor projects under the Clean Ohio Fund in other Public Works Commission districts: ___ is a joint project (2 points) ___ carries out an adopted open space, watershed or other plan overlapping another district (1 point)
	9	4.	*Community benefits (ORC 164.24 A6): Relative economic, social/recreational and environmental benefits the proposed project will bring to the geographical area represented by the NRAC as compared to other proposed projects. ___ economic (3 points) ___ social/recreational (3 points) ___ environmental (3 points)
	5	5.	*Extent of public access (ORC 164.24 A8) once project is completed (check one): ___ open days and weekends (gets 5 points) ___ open limited, but regular hours (gets 3 points) ___ open by appointment or with written permission (gets 1 points)
	6	6.	Mineral, oil, and gas leases (check one) ___ The property has no mineral, oil, and/or gas leases (gets 6 points) ___ The property has mineral, oil, and/or gas leases (gets 0 points)
	3	7.	Operation and Maintenance once project is completed (check one): ___ operation and maintenance plan in place (gets 3 points) ___ operation and maintenance relies on volunteers (gets 1 point)
	3	8.	Project Management Experience of similar or related projects (check one): ___ successfully completed 3-5 similar projects in the last 10 years (gets 3 points) ___ successfully completed 1-2 similar project in the last 5 years (gets 2 points) ___ has partnered on at least one similar project in the last 5 years (gets 1 point)
	5	9.	Prior Clean Ohio Funds Received by the applying organization: ___ has not received Clean Ohio Funds previously (gets 5 points) ___ has received Clean Ohio Funds previously (gets 0 points)
0	43	Total Points for Part III	

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Part IV: NRAC SCORING METHODOLOGY

Other Factors. *(each applicant must explain each scoring category and how they qualify to receive those points)*

Points Awarded	Points Maximum	Question Number	
	3	1.	Community Planning: Project is in concert with an adopted comprehensive open space or watershed plan. Note: See Glossary for listing and location of plan(s) (check one) ___ project identified as important in the plan (gets 3 points) ___ area identified as important in the plan (gets 2 points) ___ project would be consistent with plan (gets 1 point)
	2	2.	Regional Significance: What is the regional significance of the proposed project? (check one) ___ project located in a multi county area (gets 2 points) ___ project located in multiple local political subdivisions within one county (gets 1 point)
	3	3.	Natural Resource Viability (ORC 164.22 A3): How important is the project to the viability of the natural resources affected by the project? (check one) ___ protects an existng globally endangered species or biological community (G1 through G3) (gets 3 points) ___ protects existing populations of more than 5 state Natural Heritage Inventory (NHI) S1 species or endangered species (gets 2 points) ___ protects existing populations of 1 -5 state NHI ranked S1 through S3 species (gets 1 point) May support endangered species of communities after
	1	4.	Level of funding provided (list: % and \$) by sources other than the applicant, both funding, and in kind (ORC 164.24 A3) : Private: \$ _____ % ____ Federal: \$ _____ % ____ State: \$ _____ % ____ Other Local: \$ _____ % ____ (1 point for over 5% Private, Federal, State, or Other Local non
	1	5.	Readiness to proceed factors (ORC 164.24 A10). Contract with the owner and evidence from seller that closing will take place within 1 year (gets 1 point)
	1	6.	*Open space related facilities construction readiness: construction to begin within a year. (gets 1 point)
	3	7.	Other Project Factors: ___ project addresses a situation where action must be taken now or opportunity will be lost forever (gets 3 points)
	3	8.	Acquisition of Property ___ project acquires property or conservation easement (gets 3 points); as opposed to enhancing past OPWC awarded projects (receives 0 points)
0	17	Total Points for Part IV	

****Items and questions marked with an asterisk (*) indicate that they relate to projects involving the construction or enhancement of facilities that are necessary to make an open space area accessible and useable by the general public.*