

**Ohio Public Works Commission  
District 18 Natural Resources Assistance Council  
Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Application  
Attachment B**

**Application Instructions**

Applications for the Clean Ohio Conservation fund for the District 18 Natural Resources Assistance Council must consist of the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Application, provided by the Ohio Public Works Commission and this attachment. All applications must be typed and submitted in good condition prior to the deadline below.

The application forms, instructions and attachment B may be downloaded from the Ohio Public Works Commission website at [www.pwc.state.oh.us](http://www.pwc.state.oh.us), or at [www.buckeyehills.org](http://www.buckeyehills.org).

**Applicants must submit one original and eleven hard copies.**

(1) Original and (11) copies must be sent to:

Michelle Hyer  
District 18 NRAC Liaison  
C/o Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District  
P.O. Box 520, Reno, OH 45773  
(740) 374-9436 • Fax (740) 374-8038

**All applications must be received prior to 4:00 p.m. March 1, 2010.**

**\*\*\*\*\*CHANGES AND/OR HIGHLIGHTS\*\*\*\*\***

- NEW -** Include a copy of the draft deed restrictions (Provided in Exhibit 3) 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*.
- NEW -** For Section 1.1 c (construction or enhancement of facilities) include a detailed cost estimate
- NEW -** Proposed projects that do not obtain a mean minimum score from committee members of at least 60% of the total possible maximum points that could be awarded by district 18 NRAC committee members will only be funded in full or part upon a favorable vote of more than 2/3 attending committee members, and be contingent upon funding availability.
- CHANGE -** An appraisal summary and detailed cost must be provided by an architect, landscape architect, or other professional with your application. **DO NOT SUBMIT A FULL APPRAISAL WITH YOUR APPLICATION.** (For land acquisition, an appraisal by a state-certified general real estate appraiser, as defined under ORC 4763 for the type of land being appraised will need to be submitted to the OPWC prior to closing.)
- HIGHLIGHT -** Exhibit 3 – Resolution of Support – if you need clarification and/or have questions, please contact Kim Killian, OPWC, at 614-752-8118.

**DISTRICT 18 OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION  
NATURAL RESOURCES ASSISTANCE COUNCIL SCORING METHODOLOGY**

(To be completed by NRAC only)

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part I: Preliminary Screening—Required**

**YES**    **NO**    (a “NO” answer at submission will disqualify application)

\_\_\_    \_\_\_    Applicant is an eligible entity.

\_\_\_    \_\_\_    Complete application received by deadline

\_\_\_    \_\_\_    Purchase Option on property or letter from willing seller

\_\_\_    \_\_\_    Long Term plan for property.

\_\_\_    \_\_\_    **Draft deed restriction.**

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

**A. Open Space (Sec. 164.22 A)**

\_\_\_    acquires land for parks

\_\_\_    acquires land for public forests

\_\_\_    acquires land for wetland preservation or restoration

\_\_\_    acquires land for natural areas protecting endangered species

\_\_\_    acquires land for other natural areas

\_\_\_    acquires land for connecting corridors for natural areas

\_\_\_    openspace acquisition

\_\_\_    permanent conservation easement

\_\_\_    constructs or enhances facilities necessary to make open space area accessible and useable by the general public

**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. Would the project: (if “YES” to any of the below, the project is ineligible (Section 164.22, ORC))**

**YES**    **NO**

\_\_\_    \_\_\_    initiate or perpetuate hydromodification projects such as dams, ditch development or channelization?

\_\_\_    \_\_\_    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 openspace?

\_\_\_    \_\_\_    fund facilities for active recreation, such as tennis courts, ball fields or recreation centers?

**If the project meets Preliminary Scoring Requirements move on to the next section.**

**District 18 NRAC Scoring Methodology – Part II – Required 110 points**

**NRACs shall consider all of the following in approving or disapproving a grant:** Does the project emphasize (**briefly document in application**) the following pursuant to Section 164.22, ORC. **Each item will be awarded up to 10 points based on documentation. (max 110)**

1. \_\_\_\_ protects habitat for rare, threatened or endangered species
2. \_\_\_\_ increases habitat protection for a variety of native species
3. \_\_\_\_ reduces or eliminates nonnative, invasive species of plants or animals
4. \_\_\_\_ preserves high quality, viable habitat for plant or animal species
5. \_\_\_\_ restores and preserves aquatic biological communities
6. \_\_\_\_ preserves headwater streams
7. \_\_\_\_ preserves or restores functioning floodplains
8. \_\_\_\_ preserves or restores water quality
9. \_\_\_\_ preserves or restores natural stream channels
10. \_\_\_\_ preserves or restores streamside forests
11. \_\_\_\_ preserves existing high quality wetlands or restores wetlands
12. \_\_\_\_ preserves or restores other natural features that contribute to the quality of life and state's natural heritage
13. \_\_\_\_ fee simple acquisition of lands to provide access to riparian corridors
14. \_\_\_\_ acquisition of easements protecting and enhancing riparian corridors or watersheds
15. \_\_\_\_ reforests land to improve water quality
16. \_\_\_\_ plants vegetation for filtration to improve water quality
17. \_\_\_\_ Incorporates aesthetically pleasing and ecologically informed design including sensitivity to terrain, natural resources and heritage of property
18. \_\_\_\_ enhances educational opportunities and provides physical links to schools and after school centers
19. \_\_\_\_ includes pedestrian/bicycle linkages to other openspace preserves and population centers
20. \_\_\_\_ supports comprehensive openspace planning
21. \_\_\_\_ provides multiple recreational, economic and aesthetic preservation benefits
22. \_\_\_\_ allows proper management of areas where safe fishing, hunting and trapping may take place in a manner that will preserve balanced natural ecosystems
23. \_\_\_\_ enhances economic development that relies on recreation and ecotourism in areas of relatively high unemployment

**Part II Score** \_\_\_\_

**NRAC Scoring Methodology – Part III – Required**

**NRAC shall consider the following in approving or disapproving a grant:**

1. Percentage of Clean Ohio Funds necessary to complete project (25% match is required, points are given on amount of funding requested, **no points awarded based on percent of match**).
  - \$ 0 to \$ 200,000 (10 points)
  - \$200,001 to \$400,000 (5 points)
  - \$400,001 and above (0 points)
  
2. Coordination among local/political subdivisions (Maximum 25 points):
  - Resolution, letters of support from counties, business, and etc. (up to 10 points)
  - Applicant match commitment (5 points)
  - Other entity match commitment (5 points)
  - 3 or more committing match (15 points)
  
3. Economic, social and environmental benefits. (15 points)
  - Improves quality of life for residents (5 points)
  - Improves environmental conditions (5 points)
  - Improves economic conditions (5 points)
  
4. Project has more than one purpose under A and B of 164.22, ORC. (must be documented in application)
  - 2 purposes (5 points)
  - 3 purposes (10 points)
  
5. Access by general public.
  - Yes (10 points)
  - No (0 points)
  
6. Readiness to proceed
  - Project will begin within 6 months of award. (up to 10 points)
  
7. Other significant factors pertaining to our region; such as, but not limited to: (maximum 35 points)
  - Ownership of timber/mineral rights
  - Linkages to complete openspace corridors
  - Unique land features/history
  - Other factors relevant to the region

**Part III Score** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Score of Parts II and III** \_\_\_\_\_