

Ohio Public Works Commission District 2 Natural Resources Assistance Council Clean Ohio Conservation Program

Additional Support Information

Project Name: _____

Applicant: _____

Please Note!

- Applicants shall furnish the additional support information requested on the following pages to assist the NRAC Committee when rating the project.
- Applicants must complete this document in its entirety to be eligible for COCF funding.
- Failure to include this completed document will result in the disqualification of the associated project.
- The information requested in this document relates directly to the District 2 NRAC Scoring Methodology.
 - Please utilize the District 2 NRAC Scoring Methodology included in the Applicant Guidelines to ensure that your responses cover all factors noted in the Methodology.
- The NRAC scoring process utilizes the scoring criteria outlined in ORC Section 164.24.
- The District 2 NRAC Committee has assigned point factors to each of the evaluation criteria in order to determine which projects should be approved for COCF funding.
- This document, along with the OPWC Application for Financial Assistance will be used by the Committee to review projects.
- Information provided by the applicant must be accurate, and where called for, based upon sound engineering/ecological principles.
- Documentation to substantiate the individual items *is required*.
- The examples listed in this Additional Support Information document are not a complete offering of examples, but only a small sampling that may be relevant to a given project.
- For definitions of terms, refer to Ohio Conservation Fund Glossary of Terms included in the Applicant Guidelines.
- *It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all of the documents are accurate, complete and in accordance with the requirements, terms, and conditions set forth by the OPWC and the District 2 NRAC. Failure to meet these conditions will result in the disqualification of the project.*

Part 2: Project Emphasis

- Provide an explanation describing how the project accomplishes each item.
- Please note N/A for those items which are not applicable.

Open Space

1. Reduces or eliminates non-native species of plants and regenerates with native species.
Documentation must include a planting & maintenance plan.

Reference Document(s) _____ Page(s) _____

2. Preserves or increases high quality, viable habitat for plant and animal species where forest canopy or native vegetation covers greater than 50% of the area.

Reference Document(s) _____ Page(s) _____

3. Preserves or increases high quality, viable habitat for plant and animal species where forest canopy or native vegetation covers less than 50% but more than 25% of the area.

Reference Document(s) _____ Page(s) _____

4. Includes linkage to other parks, and/or open or green space preserves.

Reference Document(s) _____ Page(s) _____

5. Supports open/greenspace planning and preserves lands recommended within previously identified planning or natural resources management areas.

Reference Document(s) _____ Page(s) _____

6. Provides access to natural areas that result in recreational or aesthetic preservation benefits.

Reference Document(s) _____ Page(s) _____

7. Provides or enhances areas where safe fishing, hunting and trapping may take place in a manner that will preserve balanced natural ecosystems.

Reference Document(s) _____ Page(s) _____

Riparian Corridor

8. Preserves or restores functioning floodplains including groundwater recharge areas. **Documentation must be provided in the form of a flood plain map.**

Reference Document(s) _____ Page(s) _____

9. Preserves or restores natural stream channels.

Reference Document(s) _____ Page(s) _____

10. Preserves or restores streamside forests, native vegetation or adjacent habitat. **Documentation must be provided including a wetlands map and/or written documentation by a certified professional.**

Reference Document(s) _____ Page(s) _____

11. Preserves existing high quality wetlands or restores wetlands.

Reference Document(s) _____ Page(s) _____

12. Permanent acquisition of riparian corridors, watersheds, forested hillsides, or green space linkages.

Reference Document(s) _____ Page(s) _____

13. Plants vegetation or reforests lands for filtration to improve the quality of, or to control storm water runoff.

Reference Document(s) _____ Page(s) _____

Part 3: NRAC Scoring Methodology

Provide a brief explanation describing how the project accomplishes each item, if applicable. Please note N/A for those items which are not applicable.

1. Percentage of Clean Ohio matching funds necessary to complete project. Local match can include bargain sales, where seller provides at least a 25% price reduction below fair market value as a matching contribution. **Local match cannot include any demolition costs, and demolition costs will not be funded with Clean Ohio grant funds.**

Reference Document(s) _____ Page(s) _____

2. Level of collaborative participation: Active involvement through funding or in-kind services as defined by the District 2 NRAC. **Letter of support is required.**

Reference Document(s) _____ Page(s) _____

3. Level of conservation coordination with other open space, riparian corridor, farmland protection or urban revitalization projects under the Clean Ohio Fund in this or other OPWC districts. **Documentation required.**

Reference Document(s) _____ Page(s) _____

4. Community benefits: documented social, recreational or environmental benefits the proposed project will bring to the geographical area represented by the NRAC as compared to other projects.

Reference Document(s) _____ Page(s) _____

5. Extent of public access once project is completed.

Reference Document(s) _____ Page(s) _____

6. Operation and maintenance once project is completed.

Reference Document(s) _____ Page(s) _____

7. Project management experience of similar and related projects. Documentation required.

Reference Document(s) _____ Page(s) _____

Part 4: Compliance with District 2 NRAC Priorities

Provide a brief explanation describing how the project accomplishes each item, if applicable. Please note N/A for those items which are not applicable.

1. **Community Planning:** Project is in concert with publicly adopted regional, local neighborhood or community advisory association plan, watershed plan, or greenspace plan. May include adoption by governing bodies, planning commissions, park districts or similar boards or commissions appointed by the governing body of a political jurisdiction.

Reference Document(s) _____ Page(s) _____

2. **Natural Resources Viability:** How important is the project to the viability of the natural resources affected by the project. Verifiable documentation required.

Reference Document(s) _____ Page(s) _____

3. Preserves or naturally restores steep hillsides with slopes of 20% or greater and/or preserves or naturally restores steep slopes of 20% or greater in combination with stream bank erosion control measures.

Reference Document(s) _____ Page(s) _____

4. Preserves or enhances undeveloped land along view-sheds or major highways/transportation corridors.

Reference Document(s) _____ Page(s) _____

5. Preserves headwater streams.

Reference Document(s) _____ Page(s) _____

6. Preserves erodible lands and/or hydric soils.

Reference Document(s) _____ Page(s) _____

7. Addresses a situation where action must be taken now or opportunity will be lost forever.

Reference Document(s) _____ Page(s) _____

8. Size of project acquisition.

Reference Document(s) _____ Page(s) _____
