

OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

ADVISORY

Clean Ohio Conservation Program - Policy Clarifications

RIPARIAN CORRIDOR OR WATERSHEDS PROJECTS: Clean Ohio Conservation Fund projects that protect or enhance riparian corridors or watersheds may be conducted on lands which are currently under the long term ownership or control of the applicant provided that the applicant agrees to additional deed restrictions or conservation easement conditions which comply with the Commission's long term ownership and control requirements.

DEVELOPMENT OF ACQUIRED OPEN SPACE: Projects to acquire open space with Clean Ohio Conservation Fund monies may include related development that is necessary to make an open space area accessible by the general public.

Future development of other amenities to enhance the use of open space may be provided through other resources provided that they are consistent with the general purpose of the open space acquired (as defined in the project application) and the predominance of land acquired remain in a natural state.

ACQUISITION IN EXCESS OF APPRAISED VALUE: The cost of property or conservation easements acquired with Clean Ohio Conservation Fund monies may exceed its appraised value. Provided that it is authorized by the purchasers governing body and consistent with their established practices, the purchaser must be able to justify the higher cost to their respective Natural Resources Assistance Council, and the Commission during the application process.

FUTURE MONITORING AND MAINTENANCE COSTS AS LOCAL MATCH: The value of future costs for monitoring conservation easements, deed restrictions or maintenance is not an eligible project cost for the purpose of the required 25% minimum local match to obtain Clean Ohio Conservation Program funding.

The local match must consist money (from any source), contributions in-kind of the purchase or donation of equipment, land, easements, labor, or materials necessary to complete the project.

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