

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS 2008

All applications for Green space Conservation Funds in District 9 must contain the application forms approved by the Ohio Public Works Commission, completed Attachment B, documentation of a contract or option to purchase any land or easement referenced in the grant request and evidence that the project can be completed within 1 year of funding distribution. To be considered, all applications must be typed and received by the deadline date below.

Members of the District 9 Natural Resources Advisory Council (NRAC) are available to assist applicants in preparing their application by answering questions. Committee members and contact information are attached to this supplement and are also available on the web site listed below.

Applicants may download both the application and the scoring methodology for District 9 in electronic form from the following web page: www.pwc.state.oh.us/clean_ohio.htm.

Applicants are encouraged to attend the public meeting and address the Council where the selection of projects will be made. Meeting notice will be given on the above mentioned website.

Applicants must submit an original plus 13 copies to:

District 9 NRAC Liaison
Betty Blair, Commissioner
Lorain County
226 Middle Avenue. 4th Floor
Elyria, Ohio 44035

By deadline date: 4 P.M., Wednesday, October 15, 2008.

Eligible activities include:

**PURCHASE OF OPEN SPACE
ACQUISITION OF EASEMENTS
CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES (as defined in the Ohio Revised Code)
PRESERVATION OR RESTORATION OF GREEN SPACE, WETLANDS,
NATURAL HABITAT, AND RIPARIAN CORRIDORS**

Funding applicant MUST be a local political subdivision or nonprofit organization. In the case of partnership, the party carrying the Subdivision Code MUST be the applicant.

You will note that three essential factors in the Preliminary Screening are: 1) the applicant must have, or partner with an entity that does have, a Subdivision Code provided by the OPWC; 2) must have documentation of a contract or option for purchase / easement relevant to the land specified in the application; and 3) must be able to show the ability to complete the project within 1 year.

Further information and the application may be obtained from the Ohio Public Works Commission Website: www.pwc.state.oh.us, under the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund and the District 9 Bulletin Board Options. For additional information, please contact Joyce Parks @ 440-329-5112 or jparks@loraincounty.us.

ATTACHMENT B

Project Name: _____

Applicant Organization _____

Please indicate which of the following 15 project purposes your project addresses. For every item you check provide a brief paragraph highlighting how your project outcome will accomplish each item.

___ The support of comprehensive open space planning and incorporation of aesthetically pleasing and ecologically informed design.

___ The enhancement of economic development that relies on recreation and ecotourism in areas with relatively high unemployment and lower incomes.

___ The protection of habitat for rare, threatened and endangered species or the preservation of high quality, viable habitat for plant and animal species.

___ The preservation of existing high quality wetlands or other scarce natural resources within the geographical jurisdiction of the council.

___ The inclusion of pedestrian or bicycle linkages to other open-space preserves and population centers.

___ The enhancement of educational opportunities and provision of physical links to schools and after-school centers.

___ The preservation or restoration of water quality, natural stream channels, functioning floodplains, wetlands, streamside forest, and other natural features that contribute to the quality of life in this state and to the state's natural heritage.

___ The reduction or elimination of nonnative, invasive species of plants or animals.

___ The proper management of areas where safe fishing, hunting, and trapping may take place in a manner that will preserve a balanced natural ecosystem.

___ The increase of habitat protection.

___ Inclusion as part of a stream corridor-wide or watershed-wide plan.

___ The provision of multiple recreational, economic, and aesthetic preservation benefits.

___ The preservation or restoration of floodplain and streamside forest functions.

___ The preservation of headwaters.

___ The restoration or preservation of aquatic biological communities.

Please describe the capacity and experience of both the applicant organization and the partnership to carryout this project.

Is this project in concert with a publicly adopted or other regional, community or watershed plan?

_____ **YES** _____ **NO**

If you marked yes, please reference the plan and describe how your project relates to the plan.

If your project will benefit multiple political subdivisions, please describe the extent that you project will provide benefits.

If your project protects a high quality example of a regionally threatened biological community, an important example of Ohio's natural heritage, a state NHI ranked rare species, or a globally endangered species or biological community, please describe in specific terms what will be protected and how.

Please describe the economic, social, and environmental benefits that the proposed project will bring to the geographical area represented by District 9 NRAC.

Briefly indicate any additional project benefits or considerations you would like the committee to consider in evaluating your application.

2008 DISTRICT 9

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