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## Natural Resources Assistance Council Awards More Than \$3.4 Million in Clean Ohio Funds

(Columbus – May 8, 2017) The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) announces the award of more than \$3.4 million in Clean Ohio Conservation Funds (COCF) in Round 11 for District 3-Franklin County from the Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC). The COCF is part of the Clean Ohio program approved by voters in 2008. The COCF can be used to acquire green space and/or restore riparian corridors. Local governments, park and joint recreation districts, conservancy districts, soil and water conservation districts, and non-profit organizations located in Franklin County are all eligible to apply for these grant funds.

Rank	Applicant	Project Name	Total Project Cost	COCF Requested	COCF Award Amount
1	Franklin County Metro Parks	Big Walnut Creek Parkland Preservation II – Annabell Smith	\$ 1,260,000	\$945,000	\$945,000
2	Columbus Parks & Recreation	Alum Creek North Tributary Protection	\$107,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
3	Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District	Big Walnut Wetland & Riparian Corridor Protection	\$ 253,750	\$190,312	\$190,312
4	Franklin County Metro Parks	Scioto River Parkland Preservation	\$ 1,870,000	\$1,215,500	\$1,215,500
5	City of Gahanna	McKenna Creek Dam Removal & Stream Restoration	\$ 418,600	\$272,090	\$272,090
6	Columbus Parks & Recreation	Eastmoor Green Line	\$1,074,000	\$751,800	\$751,800
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,998,350</b>	<b>\$ 3,464,702</b>	<b>\$3,464,702</b>

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