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To: District Chairs and Liaisons

From: Michael Miller, Director

Date: June 16, 2016

Re: Clean Ohio Conservation Program

PROGRAM YEAR 11 ALLOCATIONS

The Capital Appropriations Bill, Senate Bill 310, of the 131st General Assembly appropriated \$37.5 million for the Clean Ohio Conservation Program to fund Program Year 11. A chart outlining the district allocations has been included with this correspondence. In addition to the Program Year 11 allocations, several Districts have available balances that need to be encumbered. While some Districts have forwarded projects to consume these balances, others have not. Please verify with your Program Representative the status of your balance.

PROGRAM YEAR 12

For planning purposes, Senate Bill 310 appropriated \$37.5 million for Program Year 12 which will be available July 1, 2017. District allocations will be the same as Program Year 11.

STATUTORY CHANGE

In addition to the appropriation authority Senate Bill 310 amended Ohio Revised Code Section 164.22 (A). Prior to this amendment applicants could apply for Clean Ohio Funds for open space acquisition and related development of those open spaces. The modification to this section will allow for applications for eligible development activities for previously acquired Clean Ohio Properties as a stand-alone application.

PROGRAM YEAR 11 SCHEDULE

Natural Resources Assistance Councils may submit Program Year 11 projects to the Commission as soon as they are selected, but no later than April 2017. Commission staff will be processing applications on a first-in, first-out basis. As in the past, Natural Resources Assistance Councils will be required to allow a minimum of sixty days from the Commission's approval of their respective project selection methodologies to accept applications. If methodologies remain unchanged, please notify the Commission accordingly.

APPLICATION

The Clean Ohio Conservation Program application and instructions are available on our web site at http://www.pwc.state.oh.us/gscApplication.html . This is the only format available and we require that all applicants use it. Our web site also contains a link to Foxit Reader, a free download, to save applications in process. We look forward to working with our local partners to continue the success of the Clean Ohio Conservation Program. Please do not hesitate to give me a call at 614-752-9343 or your Program Representative should you have questions or concerns.

FACEBOOK

We have recently added and Ohio Public Works Commission Facebook page which we are using to highlight unique noteworthy projects. I would encourage you to like us and forward photographs and write-ups on projects you would like to have highlighted.