

STAFF SCORE SHEET – ROUND 17

SECTION 1 – PROJECT EMPHASIS (ORC 164.24(A)(1), (A)(7))

The District 3 NRAC has prioritized the project emphasis into three categories: Low; Medium and High. A project type that is of High interest will have a weight of 10; Medium interest a weight of 6; and Low interest a weight of 2. All answers can receive a raw score of between 0 and 5 points. Applicant must provide documentation from appropriate authority to receive full credit.

- X 2 (1) The support of comprehensive open space planning and incorporation of aesthetically pleasing and ecologically informed design (Low interest - weight=2)
- X 2 (2) The enhancement of economic development that relies on recreation and eco-tourism in areas with relatively high unemployment and lower incomes (Low interest - weight=2)
- X 10 (3) The protection or increase of protection for rare, threatened, and endangered species or the preservation of high-quality, viable habitat for plant and animal species (High interest - weight=10)
- X 10 (4) The preservation of existing high-quality wetlands or other scarce natural resources within the geographical jurisdiction of the council (High interest – weight = 10)
- X 10 (5) The enhancement of educational opportunities and provision of physical links to schools and after-school centers (High interest – weight = 10)
- X 6 (6) The preservation or restoration of water quality, natural stream channels, functioning floodplains, wetlands, streamside forests, or other natural features that contribute to the quality of life in this state and to the state's natural heritage (Medium interest – weight = 6)
- X 6 (7) The reduction or elimination of non-native, invasive species of plants or animals (Medium interest – weight = 6)
- X 2 (8) The proper management of areas where fishing may take place in a manner that will preserve a balanced natural ecosystem (Low interest – weight = 2)
- X 10 (9) Inclusion as part of a stream corridor-wide or watershed-wide plan (High interest–weight=10)
- X 2 (10) The provision of multiple recreational, economic, and aesthetic preservation benefits (Low interest – weight = 2)
- X 6 (11) Protection and enhancement of riparian corridors or watersheds by fee simple acquisition of lands OR acquisition of conservation easements. (Medium interest – weight = 6)
- X 6 (12) The restoration or preservation of headwater streams or vernal pools (Medium interest – weight = 6)
- X 6 (13) The restoration and preservation of aquatic biological communities (Medium interest – weight = 6)

WEIGHTED TOTAL
(390 maximum points)

SCORE – Section 1 (78 max. pts)
(Weighted Total divided by 5)

SECTION 2 – LOCAL COORDINATION & SUPPORT (ORC 164.24(A)(3), (4), (5), (6), (8))

- ___ 14. **Matching Funds: include in-kind donation of land, etc)** \$ _____ or _____ %
(One point for each whole percent above 25% up to 30 points maximum)
- ___ 15. **Coordination:**
Document how project carries out goals of multiple agencies, organizations.
(1 point each – maximum points = 6)
___ local political subdivisions ___ state agencies ___ federal agencies
___ community organizations ___ conservation organizations ___ other (_____) (private, local business groups)
- ___ 16. **Level of conservation coordination this project provides to another related project or how it ties areas together with other open space, riparian corridor, trails, farmland protection or urban revitalization projects. (maximum points = 3) ✓ all that apply**
___ fits into another related project or links an area together (2 points)
___ carries out an adopted community, watershed or other plan overlapping another district (1 point)
- ___ 17. **Community benefits: - ✓ all that apply (maximum points = 9)**
Relative economic, social/recreational and environmental benefits the proposed project will bring to the geographical area represented by the NRAC as compared to other projects.
___ economic (1 point) ___ social/recreational (up to 3 points) ___ environmental (up to 5 points)
- ___ 18. **Extent of public access once project is completed: (maximum points = 5) ✓ one**
___ open week days and weekends (5 points)
___ open limited, but regular hours (3 points)
___ open by appointment or with written permission (1 point)
- ___ 19. **How organization/agency will operate and maintain this project once it is completed. (maximum points = 10)**
___ operation plan and/or maintenance plan in place including an invasive species management plan (up to 10 points)
___ operation plan and/or maintenance plan (up to 5 points)
___ no operation plan and/or maintenance plan (0 points)
- ___ 20. **Unit cost of project. Cost per acre OR cost per linear foot of restoration of Clean Ohio Conservation Funds. \$ _____ (maximum points = 6) ✓ one**
(Cost per acre/cost per linear feet is defined as the total amount of COCF funding requested divided by the number of acres/linear feet restored. The NRAC will determine low, medium and high costs each round based on all projects submitted)
___ low cost per acre or linear feet of Clean Ohio Funds (6 points)
___ medium cost per acre or linear feet of Clean Ohio Funds (3 points)
___ high cost per acre or linear feet of Clean Ohio Funds (0 points)

SCORE – Section 2 (69 max. pts)

SECTION 3 – ADDITIONAL CRITERIA (ORC 164.24(A)(11))

The NRAC may adopt additional criteria that reflect local priorities as long as the criteria complement and do not negate Parts I-II, which carry out ORC Sec. 164.20-164.27.

- _____ 21. **Riparian Buffer: Project provides an adequate width of riparian buffer. (maximum points =12)**
___ Over 300 feet from top of bank per side (up to 12 points)
___ 150-300 feet from top of bank per side (up to 8 points)
___ 50-149 feet from top of bank per side (up to 4 points)

Enhancement Project:

___ Number of linear feet of stream or acres of habitat to be restored.

- _____ 22. **Regional Significance: What is the impact on the geographic area or watershed?**
Is it regionally significant because of its impact on passive recreation or its impact on a natural area in terms of geography and watershed or both? Please explain. **(maximum points =12)**

Passive Recreation

--- project will have a major impact on passive recreation (up to 4 points)

___ project will have a medium impact on passive recreation (up to 2 points)

___ project will have a low impact on the passive recreation (0 points)

Natural Area or Watershed

___ project will have a major impact on the natural area or watershed (up to 8 points)

___ project will have a medium impact on the natural area or watershed (up to 5 points)

___ project will have a low impact on the natural area or watershed (up to 2 points)

- _____ 23. **Natural Resource Viability: How important is the project to the viability of the natural resources affected by the project? (maximum points = 15)**

Supportive documentation must be provided by ODNR or other qualified entity

___ protects a globally endangered species or biological community (0-3 points)

___ protects 1 or more state Natural Heritage Inventory (NHI) endangered species (0-3 points)

___ protects 1 or more state NHI ranked rare, threatened or otherwise listed species (0-3 points)

___ protects a high-quality example of a regionally endangered biological community (0-3 points)

___ protects a threatened biological community or important example of Ohio's natural heritage (0-3 points)

If Enhancement project:

Pre-Construction QHEI _____ ORAM _____

Post-Construction QHEI : _____ ORAM: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Qualifications/Training or Certifications _____

Supporting documents and concept plan included _____

_____ 24. **Urban Environment:** Is this project located within an urban area inside or contiguous to the 270 outer belt? (up to 5 points)

Describe the unique benefits as related to preserving natural resources in an urban environment.

_____ 25. **Other Relevant Factors:** Other factors include the total amount of funding necessary to complete the project (ORC 164.24(A)(2)) (maximum points = 20) (Note reasoning)

_____ 26. **Economic condition of community where project is located:**
(Based on 2010 per capita income for political jurisdiction/community where project is located – see chart attached) (maximum points = 10)

SCORE – Section 3 (74 max. pts)

SECTION 4 – COMMUNICATIONS WITH LAND OWNER (ORC 164.24(A)(10))

_____ 27. **Applicant has:**
(Select one) *(maximum points =20)*

___ had some communications by phone, person or email with land owner(s) (5 points)

___ a letter of intent to purchase from the land owner(s) (10 points)

___ a signed purchase agreement with the land owner(s) **or** ownership of the land (20 points)

SCORE – Section 4 (20 max. pts)

TOTAL SCORE: _____
(Maximum points = 241)

NRAC - Reviewed & Scored by: _____

RANK: _____

Criterion 26 – Economic Condition of Community Where Project Is Located

Community	2020 Per Capita Income	Score
<u>Urbancrest</u>	<u>\$12,079</u>	<u>10</u>
Whitehall	\$21,938	8
Lockbourne	\$22,557	8
Franklin Township	\$22,587	8
Valleyview	\$26,589	8
Brice	\$26,916	8
Hamilton Township	\$27,127	8
Clinton	\$27,257	8
Obetz	\$28,262	8
Truro	\$28,820	8
Harrisburg	\$29,013	8
<u>Columbus</u>	<u>\$30,056</u>	<u>8</u>
Groveport	\$31,464	6
Reynoldsburg	\$31,626	6
Prairie Township	\$31,683	6
Blendon Township	\$32,231	6
Madison Township	\$32,283	6
Pleasant Township	\$35,758	6
Jackson Township	\$37,150	6
Grove City	\$37,557	6
Minerva Park	\$38,227	6
Mifflin Township	\$41,233	6
Westerville	\$41,397	6
Gahanna	\$42,660	6
<u>Canal Winchester</u>	<u>\$42,841</u>	<u>6</u>
Hilliard	\$46,037	4
Norwich Township	\$46,088	4
Jefferson Township	\$48,864	4
Sharon Township	\$53,656	4
Worthington	\$54,057	4
Brown Township	\$56,538	4
Washington Township	\$57,297	4
Dublin	\$60,152	4
Bexley	\$60,387	4
Perry Township	\$61,951	4
Upper Arlington	\$68,163	4
Riverlea	\$69,098	4

<u>Grandview Heights</u>	<u>\$72,534</u>	<u>4</u>
Plain Township	\$76,519	2
New Albany	\$78,957	2
<u>Marble Cliff</u>	<u>\$81,922</u>	<u>2</u>

Source: 2020 American Community Survey