

DISTRICT 3 - FRANKLIN COUNTY

FISCAL YEAR 2026

CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION FUND

# **PRELIMINARY SCREENER**

## **Deadlines**

***Preliminary Screener – June 2, 2025***

***Application – August 29, 2025***



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(Franklin County, Ohio)

### **CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION FUND – FISCAL 2026**

**Applicant Name:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(County, municipal corporation, township, conservancy district, nonprofit organization, etc.)

**Project Name:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Project:**  
(√ one)

☐ **Land Acquisition**

Property Owner Owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Parcel #: \_\_\_\_\_

Has anyone contacted the property owner about acquisition?

☐ **YES**

If yes, who contacted the property owner? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the property owner willing to cooperate with the applicant? ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ **NO**

☐ **Riparian Corridor/Watershed Protection & Enhancement**

**Applicant Contact:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip code

**Phone Number:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Fax #:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Certifying Representative:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Original Signature) Please use blue ink

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date Signed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Certifying Community/Agency Representative - Type or Print Name and Title)

Submit to:

**Edwina Teye**  
**District 3 Liaison**  
**Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission**  
**111 Liberty Street, Suite 100**  
**Columbus, OH 43215**  
**614-233-4233**  
**614-621-2401**  
[eteye@morpc.org](mailto:eteye@morpc.org)

Phone:

Fax:

E-mail:

**PART 1: PROJECT DESCRIPTION** (attach response on separate sheet of paper)

Clearly define the scope of the project and identify the boundaries of the property or watershed area involved in this project.

**A. Purpose**

(Provide a general description)

**B. Location**

**C. Project Components**

**D. Status of Easements or Acquisition**

**E. Include Photos & Map of Project Area**

(map and photos must clearly identify project limits and adjacent existing amenities)

**PART 2: ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST:** (25% match required)

Local Match \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Match (specify all sources) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Clean Ohio Grant Requested \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Total Project Costs \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Who provided this cost estimate?

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name, Title, Agency)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Phone Number)

**PART 3: PROJECT EMPHASIS:** (✓ all that apply from A or B and provide a written explanation of how this relates to your project. Note at least one of these criteria is required to be eligible.

**A. Open Space Acquisition (Sec. 164.22 A)**

\_\_\_ acquires land for passive parks.

\_\_\_ acquires land for public forests.

\_\_\_ acquires land for wetland preservation or restoration.

\_\_\_ acquires land for natural areas protecting endangered species.

\_\_\_ acquires land for other natural areas.

\_\_\_ acquires land for connecting greenway corridors.

\_\_\_ acquires permanent publicly accessible conservation easement.

\_\_\_ acquires land to enhance educational opportunities and provide physical links to schools and after school centers.

\_\_\_ constructs or enhances facilities necessary to make the acquired open space area accessible & useable by the general public.

**B. Riparian Corridors or Watershed Protection & Enhancement (Sec. 164.22B)**

- ☐ establishes and maintains permanent riparian buffers with native vegetation.
- ☐ restores permanent natural stream channel using natural channel design principles.
- ☐ restores and maintains natural function of the floodplain such as through the removal of streamside levees.
- ☐ removes artificial in stream structures such as low-head dams and old bridge piers.
- ☐ employs and maintains "Best Management Practices" to improve water quality.

**Note: Restoration projects will be required to provide a concept plan and demonstration of resource improvement at the time of the application.**

**C. Other Characteristics: (✓ if applicable)**

- ☐ accelerates untreated water runoff?
- ☐ encourages invasive non-native species?
- ☐ funds current legal obligations (such as fines, penalties, litigation expenses, mitigation or reclamation) under state or federal laws or local ordinances or achieves a stormwater permit or other requirement associated with a private development or redevelopment project?
- ☐ funds facilities other than those required to provide public access to or use of open space?
- ☐ funds facilities for active recreation, such as tennis courts, ball fields or recreation centers?
- ☐ funds storm water facilities as primary purpose?
- ☐ funds facilities or improvements (other than invasive species removal) on an easement?

**If Yes to any of the above in C, the project is ineligible.  
Please see [Eligible Costs](#) on the OPWC webpage.**

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**NOTE:** All applicants shall meet with the NRAC for a brief (10 minutes or less) overview of their project. Staff will be contacting the applicant after the preliminary screening due date to set up the appointment. Fiscal Year 2026 presentation dates are set for June 23, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at MORPC premises

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*FOR STAFF USE:*

**PRESENTATION:**

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Date

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Time