

Public Works Integrating Committee

District 3 (Franklin County)

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Policies & Criteria Final Action Meeting – SFY27
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100 | Columbus, Ohio 43215

Friday, May 9, 2025
10:30 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Approval of Minutes of April 11, 2025 – enclosed
4. OPWC Updates – Jennifer Hufford, OPWC
5. NRAC Nomination - enclosed
 - Toni Chinchar, GEI Consultants
6. Consideration of the SFY 2027 Applicant Manual
7. Consideration of the SFY 2026 Budget and Work Plan
8. Other Business

If you require special assistance, please notify
Tom Graham at 614-233-4193 or tgraham@morpc.org

The next PWIC meeting is:
Friday, October 17, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., MORPC Town Hall

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Kenneth Wilson
Kristen Atha
Kelly Scooco
Stephen Farst
Darryl Hughes
Joe Martin
James Jewell
Ryan Andrews

Staff:

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District 3 Public Works Integrating Committee
FY27 – Policies & Criteria Working Session
Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 11, 2025
10:30 a.m.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
111 Liberty St., Suite 100
Columbus, OH 43215

Members Present

Brad Foster
Barb Cox (a)
Kelly Scocco
Kris Long (a)
Ken Heigel (a)
Ryan Andrews
Karl Craven (a)
Steve Farst
Darryl Hughes
James Jewell
(a) = alternate member

Guests

Adam Fowler

MORPC Staff

Thomas Graham
Shelby Oldroyd

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. and Kelly Scocco led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Tom Graham took attendance.

3. Approval of Minutes of December 6, 2024 Meeting and March 14, 2025

Chair Scocco entertained a motion for the committee to approve the December 6, 2024 meeting minutes and the March 14, 2025 meeting minutes. Darryl Hughes moved to approve the minutes, James Jewell seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

4. OPWC Updates

Tom Graham reminded the committee that the SCIP program would be up for renewal on the May primary ballot as Issue 2.

5. NRAC Nominations

Chair Scocco entertained a motion to appoint Shannon Brady and Brian Heath to the NRAC. Darryl Hughes moved to approve the appointments, Steve Farst seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

6. Discussion of Potential Modifications to District Methodology

Tom Graham presented staff recommendations for revising the district methodology as a continuation of the discussions during the March meeting. The committee engaged in discussions around potential changes to the A2, A6, A9, and A10 criteria. Additionally, the committee considered potential changes to the weighting of criteria.

Staff committed to incorporating the feedback of the committee into a final draft of the District 3 Applicant Manual prior to the May PWIC meeting.

7. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

8. Adjournment

Chair Scocco adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Graham
District 3 Liaison

GREEN SPACE CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Natural Resource Assistance Council Nomination Form

Name:

Address:

Phone:

E-Mail:

Public Works District Integrating Committee Number:

Representing:

(Check one and complete name of organization)

1. _____ A county, municipal corporation, township, conservancy district, regional or joint district or unit of local government, or regional or joint political subdivision that is located within the geographical jurisdiction of the appointing integrating committee.

ORGANIZATION:

2. _____ A conservation organization, an environmental advocacy organization, an organization with a primary interest in watershed protection and restoration, the department of natural resources, the environmental protection agency, or the United States natural resources conservation service.

ORGANIZATION:

3. _____ A city parks system or metropolitan parks system or a board of park commissioners from a county that is located within the geographical jurisdiction of the appointing integrating committee, a statewide parks and recreation organization, or the United States national park service.

ORGANIZATION:

4. _____ A statewide organization representing agriculture, an organization representing forestry interests, the department of agriculture, or the United States department of agriculture.

ORGANIZATION:

5. _____ An organization representing business, local realtors, or a planning agency, including a port authority, located within the geographical jurisdiction of the appointing integrating committee.

ORGANIZATION:

Attachments

- A. A letter of nomination from a recognized, eligible entity in group 1 through 5.
- B. A statement of the nominee's background or qualifications.

The membership of a natural resources assistance council shall reflect the demographic and economic diversity of the population located within the geographical area represented by the council. (Ref: R.C. O.R.C.164.21 (A))

Nomination Procedures

- Nominees must represent a recognized organization or entity from one of the groupings defined in R.C. 164.21(A) and provide the required documentation.

Exception: Nominations for the member which shall be a member of the appointing integrating committee shall be accepted and voted upon at a public meeting of the respective integrating committee, and nominations for the member which shall represent a soil and water conservation district shall be accepted by letter from the soil and water conservation district(s) within the respective integrating committee and be voted upon at a public meeting.

- Nominations shall be emailed to the respective district integrating committee's Liaison and shall be copied to the OPWC program representative. The OPWC shall confirm the nominee's eligibility to the liaison.
- District committees or, if applicable, the executive committee, shall meet to consider all nominations received and by vote at a public meeting appoint members of their respective Natural Resources Assistance Council.
- The District Liaison shall provide nominees with the date, time and location of the integrating committee meeting at which their nomination will be considered.

Conditions

- Terms of office shall be for three years, with each term ending on the same day of the same month as did the term that it succeeds. Each member shall hold office from the date of appointment until the end of the term for which the member is appointed, except that, with respect to any member who is an elected or appointed official of a township, municipal corporation, or county, the term of office for that person on the council shall not extend beyond the member's term as an elected or appointed official.
- Members may be reappointed. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner provided for original appointments. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration date of the term for which the member was appointed shall hold office for the remainder of that term. A member shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until the member's successor takes office or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first. Members may be removed by the district public works integrating committee for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance in office.
- Serving as a member of a natural resources assistance council under this section does not constitute holding a public office or position of employment under the laws of this state and does not confer a right to compensation from any agency of this state.

The Ohio Public Works Commission is responsible for the administration of Revised Code sections 164.20 to 164.27 (Clean Ohio Conservation program). Questions relative to the nomination and appointment process should be directed to the Commission staff.

May 1, 2025

Dr. Edwina Teye, Ph.D.
Water & Natural Resources Program Manager
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Subject: Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC) Nomination Letter

Dear Dr. Teye,

This letter is intended to serve as the consulting firm, GEI Consultant's, nomination of Toni Chinchar, to be appointed to the District 3 NRAC. Toni serves as a water resource engineer at GEI Consultants and has been in this position since January 2025. While Toni's time at GEI has been short, her impact on our company and our clients has been significant. Toni regularly works on hydraulic and hydrologic modeling tasks for riverine systems and wetland projects evaluating flooding and hydraulic forces as it relates to communities and ecological restoration. She also periodically serves in a construction oversight role on dam related projects, which are important to community safety, recreation, and natural resources.

On behalf of GEI Consultants, I am recommending Toni Chinchar to serve as the GEI Consultants representative to NRAC. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 614-595-6723.

Sincerely,



Pedro Amaya, P.E.

Senior Practice Leader

GEI Consultants

May 1, 2025

To the selection committee,

I am writing to express my interest in the position for District 3's Natural Resource Assistance Council. With a background in natural resource management, I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to the council's efforts in supporting the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program and promoting projects that conserve the land and water throughout the district.

I have an environmental engineering bachelor's degree, and a master's degree in the department of Food, Agricultural, and Biological Engineering, from The Ohio State University, where I focused on hydrologic modeling and drainage system optimization. My experience spans the evaluation of stormwater systems, agricultural drainage, and sustainable resource management practices, which align with the mission of the Natural Resource Assistance Council to preserve, protect, and manage natural resources effectively.

In my graduate research, I calibrated and validated the DRAINMOD-Urban and DRAINMOD models to assess the long-term hydrologic performance of permeable pavements and sewage treatment systems in Ohio. This work involved simulating the effects of future climate projections on wastewater systems and providing site-specific drainage design recommendations to optimize the hydrologic performance of drainage systems.

Over the past 5 years, I have gained hands-on experience in both rural and urban environments. As a drainage engineering intern at the Franklin County Engineer's Office, I worked on updating the facilities' stormwater pollution prevention plans, drainage easement mapping, and site inspections. My role as a stormwater intern at the Ohio EPA Southwest District Office honed my understanding of environmental policy and regulatory frameworks. I conducted construction site stormwater inspections, wrote letters of recommendation and violations, and gained valuable experience in enforcing environmental compliance. Additionally, my research at the USDA Soil Drainage Research Lab allowed me to deepen my expertise in soil-water interactions, performing water aggregate stability testing and collecting soil samples for analysis. Currently, I hold a water resource engineer position with the consulting firm, GEI Consultants. In this role I am involved in floodplain modeling, river hydraulic modeling, watershed modeling, stormwater management design, dam rehabilitation, dam removal and stream restoration, and construction oversight.

Beyond my technical qualifications, I am passionate about community engagement and collaborative decision-making. I have organized and conducted field days and

demonstrations on best management practices (BMPs) for rural environments and assisted in managing the Virgil Overholt Drainage School, a key educational event hosted by the Ohio State University for professionals in the drainage field. I believe that fostering dialogue between engineers, policymakers, and local communities is essential for effective and sustainable resource management.

If selected for the Natural Resource Assistance Council, I would bring a combination of technical expertise, practical experience, and a commitment to collaborative problem-solving. I am dedicated to ensuring that our natural resources are managed responsibly, with a focus on sustainability, resilience, and environmental justice. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute my knowledge and work with fellow council members to promote projects that protect our environment for future generations.

Thank you for considering my application.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Toni Chinchau". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'T' and 'C'.

Toni Chinchau

**Work Plan & Budget
for**

SFY 2026 SCIP/LTIP

OPWC Infrastructure Programs

DISTRICT 3 ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPLEMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Exhibit 1-A

SFY 2026 BUDGET

INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS

State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP)

&

Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP)

(Administered by the Ohio Public Works Commission)

Projects Expenses

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

Personnel (Wage and Fringe) \$110,102

- Application review and data entry
- Management oversight & coordination
- Program coordination
- Secretarial support
- GIS technical assistance
- Press releases
- Technical support
- Conduct application workshop
- Update District 3 web site information and applicant manual

***Supplemental Activities \$69,364**

Other Direct Costs..... \$535

- Telecommunications, member dues, travel, meetings, paper, photocopying, printing, miscellaneous

TOTAL \$180,000

*Supplemental activities represent costs for services in excess of required district activities. Personnel costs also include some supplemental activities for work items identified in the Plan of Work.

EXHIBIT 1- B

DISTRICT 3 PUBLIC WORKS INTEGRATING COMMITTEE (D3 PWIC)

PLAN OF WORK FOR SFY 2026

INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS

- 1. Complete administration of FY27 and submission to OPWC**
 - **Receive, process and score FY27 applications.
 - Coordinate with the PWIC to approve ranking slates for the SCIP, LTIP, and Small Government programs.
 - Coordinate with OPWC to communicate project rankings and provide information needed to prepare funding agreements.

- 2. Administration of FY28**
 - Review criteria and work with the committee to propose revisions, changes or new criteria or policies for approval by the PWIC.
 - Update program documentation obtain OPWC approval of the District's application and selection methodology for FY28.
 - Provide access to District 3 forms and application materials online. Post changes and list meeting dates, etc.
 - **Hold an applicant workshop to inform applicants of changes to the District Methodology and explain the application process and requirements.

- 3. Provide information and assistance to applicants**
 - Notify all political subdivisions within the District of the opportunity to apply for financial assistance.
 - Upon request of local officials and their representative and/or OPWC officials, track implementation of projects and assist expedition of district projects.
 - Interpret and communicate OPWC policies and procedures to all potential applicants and their representatives.
 - **Respond to questions and provide technical assistance in preparing project applications as requested. Specifically, work with the appropriate parties to assist applicants in the preparation of competitive project applications for FY27 and FY28 SCIP/LTIP funds.
 - Meet with individuals, community officials, project engineers and countywide organizations such as the Franklin County Township Association to explain the programs.

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**Work item includes supplemental activities in excess of required district activities.

- 4. Provide administrative and technical support to the District PWIC**
 - Recommend policies to the committee and work with its members to ensure program compliance, efficiency and fairness.
 - Prepare notices, agendas, and minutes for PWIC meetings and any other necessary support services as required.
 - Record and maintain all necessary documentation required by the District and OPWC, including the project selection process.
 - Provide summaries, lists and other information to committee members upon request.
 - Respond to reasonable media and applicant inquiries regarding applications, projects, and funding levels.
- 5. Attend seminars and conferences as required to maintain staff proficiency**
 - Represent the district at any OPWC-sponsored meetings as necessary.
 - Disseminate program policies and procedural changes to D3 PWIC and Franklin County applicants.
- 6. Collect data and produce GIS maps as requested**

****Utilizing the MORPC Geographic Information System, produce maps showing approved projects funded through FY27. Staff will produce community project maps upon request.**

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