District 3 - Clean Ohio Conservation Fund

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PART 3:

APPLICANT EVALUATION

CRITERIA

See Appendix 7 - Glossary of Terms for a definition of terms used.

See the following websites for supportive documentation for Part 7.

Beneficial use designations (for streams)

<http://www.epa.state.oh.us/portals/35/rules/01-09.pdf>

Ohio Primary Headwater Habitat Streams (for headwater streams)

<http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/wqs/headwaters/index.aspx>

Ohio Rapid Assessment Method (ORAM) for Wetlands Documents

<http://epa.ohio.gov/dsw/401/ecology.aspx>

Ohio Natural Heritage Database (rare plants and animals)

<http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/species-and-habitats/ohio-natural-heritage-database>

Ohio Credible Data Program

<http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/credibledata/index.aspx>

Additional information is available at the Clean Ohio Fund website:

<http://clean.ohio.gov/GreenSpaceConservation/Default.htm>

Franklin County

**DISTRICT 3 – APPLICANT EVALUATION CRITERIA**

**CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION FUND**

**ROUND 15**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Contact: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### **SECTION 1 – PROJECT EMPHASIS**

**√** Check all criteria that apply. Provide a brief description and documentation on how your project emphasizes these criteria on a separate sheet of paper. If no written description or documentation is provided in Part 7- Supportive Documentation no points may be given.

\_\_\_ (1) The support of comprehensive open space planning and incorporation of aesthetically pleasing and ecologically informed design

\_\_\_ (2) The enhancement of economic development that relies on recreation and eco-tourism in areas with relatively high unemployment and lower incomes

\_\_\_ (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

\_\_\_ (4) The preservation of existing high-quality wetlands or other scarce natural resources within the geographical jurisdiction of the council

\_\_\_ (5) The enhancement of educational opportunities and provision of physical links to schools and after-school centers

\_\_\_ (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

\_\_\_ (7) The reduction or elimination of non-native, invasive species of plants or animals

\_\_\_ (8) The proper management of areas where fishing may take place in a manner that will preserve a balanced natural ecosystem

\_\_\_ (9) Inclusion as part of a stream corridor-wide or watershed-wide plan

\_\_\_ (10) The provision of multiple recreational, economic, and aesthetic preservation benefits

\_\_\_ (11) Protection and enhancement of riparian corridors or watersheds by fee simple acquisition of

 lands OR acquisition of conservation easements

\_\_\_ (12) The restoration or preservation of headwater streams

\_\_\_ (13) The restoration and preservation of aquatic biological communities

#### **SECTION 2 – LOCAL COORDINATION & SUPPORT**

**Provide a written response to each criteria below and provide documentation where needed to indicate**

**how your projects meets this criteria. Use a separate sheet of paper if needed.**

1. Has land been donated for this project? If yes, please describe in-kind contributions or donations. Attach a copy of the appraisal.

15. What agencies and organizations have been involved in the planning and preparation of this project application? Provide list of agencies and organizations and contacts.

What level of coordination has each agency or organization provided?

(Applicant must document how project carries out goals of multiple agencies and organizations.)

16. Describe the 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. Please explain how this project fits into another related project or links an area together.

17. Describe the benefits that the proposed project will bring to Franklin County. (Please explain.)

Economic:

Social/Recreational:

Environmental:

18. What is the extent of public access once the project is completed? Please list days and hours of operation or how appointments can be made.

1. What agency will be responsible for the long term maintenance of this project?

Describe how your organization/agency will operate and maintain this project once it is completed.

Provide a long term operation and maintenance plan.

Does the plan include an invasive species management plan?

1. What is the unit cost of this project?

 What is the total project cost per acre or post restoration cost per linear foot of stream restored by the project? (Example: Applicant is purchasing 10 acres of land for a total project

 cost of $100,000; the cost per acre is $10,000.)

 What is the project cost per acre or post restoration cost per linear foot of stream restored using Clean Ohio Conservation Funds? (Example: Applicant is purchasing 10 acres of land

 and requesting $50,000 in COCF funds; the cost per acre is $5,000.)

#### **SECTION 3 – ADDITIONAL CRITERIA**

**Please provide a written response to each criteria below and provide documentation where needed to indicate that your projects meets this criteria. Use a separate sheet of paper if needed.**

Riparian Buffers:

1. Does this project provide an adequate width of riparian buffer? How many feet from top of bank per side are provided? If this is an enhancement project, how many linear feet of stream or acres of habitat will be restored?

Regional Significance:

1. 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.

Natural Resources Viability:

1. How important is the project to the viability of the natural resources affected by the project? Does your project protect any of the following groups? If so please name the species and explain. (Supportive documentation by ODNR or other qualified entity is required.)

\_\_\_ globally endangered species or biological community

\_\_\_ State Natural Heritage Inventory (NHI) endangered, rare, threatened or otherwise listed species:

If yes, how many endangered species? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, how many rare species? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, how many threatened species? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, how many otherwise listed species? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ regionally endangered biological community

\_\_\_ threatened biological community or an example of Ohio’s natural heritage

If Enhancement project:

Provide relevant pre- and post-construction metrics, such as QHEI for stream restorations or ORAM for wetlands. Who provided these scores? Must provide name, title and relevant qualifications, training, or certification (such as QDC – Qualified Data Collector as specified in ORC 6111.50-56 and OAC 3745-4-03). Provide supporting document and concept plan.

Urban Environment

1. Is this project located within an urban area inside or contiguous to the I-270 Outerbelt?  Describe the unique benefits as related to preserving natural resources in an urban environment.

Other Relevant Factors:

1. Briefly describe any additional benefits, considerations, or metrics not addressed above that you feel should be considered in the evaluation of this project. *Examples: unique partnerships; innovative techniques; special opportunities; leveraging other funds that will be lost; proximity to schools and other educational areas and other unique factors) Please limit your response to 1 page or less.*

Economic condition of community where project is located

1. In what political jurisdiction/community is the project located?

#### **SECTION 4 – CONTACT WITH PROPERTY OWNER**

Communications with Land Owner

1. What communications if any has the applicant had with the land owner?.

Name of Property Owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

A. Has anyone contacted the property owner about acquisition?

□ Yes □ No

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

 Type of contact: □ In Person □ By Phone □ By Email □ Other

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

B. Is the property owner cooperating with the applicant?

□ Yes □ No

C. Does the applicant have a “letter of intent” from the land owner(s)?

□ Yes □ No

 If yes, you must include a copy of the letter of intent in Part 7 – Supportive Documentation

D. Does the applicant have a signed purchase agreement with the land owner(s) or ownership of the land?

□ Yes □ No

 If yes, you must include a copy of the agreement in Part 7 – Supportive Documentation