

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
 111 Liberty Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215
Hybrid Meeting

Natural Resources Assistance Council
 Meeting Notes – Round 16 Scoring Session

April 1, 2022 11:00 am

Members Present

Vice-Chair Laura Ball, City of Westerville
 Matthew Brown, Franklin County
 Karl Craven, City of Westerville
 Stephen Farst, City of Groveport
 Nathan Johnson, Ohio Environmental Council
 Jim Palus, The Nature Conservancy

Tyler Stevenson, Ohio Department of Natural Resources
 Steve Studenmund, Metro Parks
 Chair Kyle Wilson, Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District

Public Present

Jennifer Kline, Ohio Public Works Commission

MORPC Staff Present

Lynn Kaufman Edwina Teye

Meeting Called to Order at 11:02 am.

Approval of January 10, 2022 Minutes

Minutes are not ready for approval, this item will be tabled for the next Committee meeting.

Current Balance Available: \$3,503,812.44

Edwina Teye noted that this balance includes the MORPC administrative fee.
 Jennifer Kline confirmed that \$3,503,812.44 is the current balance.

Review and Scoring of Applications

Project Emphasis

Scored between 0 and 5 per each Council Member’s judgment.

Local Coordination & Support

Question 14 (matching funds) is calculated by staff

14. MATCHING FUNDS

ID	Applicant	Project Name	Total Project Cost	Local Match Dollars	Match %	Clean Ohio Amount Requested	#14 Match
16-01	City of Hilliard	Clover Groff Run Restoration Phase II	\$1,321,660	\$726,913	55%	\$594,747	30
16-02	Columbus Recreations & Parks	Big Walnut South Clean Protection	\$437,000	\$133,000	30%	\$304,000	5
16-03	Columbus Recreation & Parks	West Franklinton Greenspace Project	\$947,000	\$327,000	35%	\$620,000	10
16-04	Metro Parks	Schleppi Run Acquisition	\$3,377,350	\$1,688,675	50%	\$1,688,675	25
16-05	Upper Arlington	Stream Erosion Control Education & Demonstration at Turkey Run's Reed Road Park	\$500,000	\$150,000	30%	\$350,000	5

\$3,557,422

Question 20 (cost effectiveness) determined by NRAC consensus

20. COST EFFECTIVENESS

ID	Applicant	Project Name	Total Project Cost	Local Match Dollars	Match %	Clean Ohio Cost Per Acre/LF	#20 Unit Cost
16-01	City of Hilliard	Clover Groff Run Restoration Phase II	\$1,321,660	\$726,913	55%	*\$243.75	
16-02	Columbus Recreations & Parks	Big Walnut South Clean Protection	\$437,000	\$133,000	30%	\$4,772.37	
16-03	Columbus Recreation & Parks	West Franklinton Greenspace Project	\$947,000	\$327,000	35%	\$826,666.67	
16-04	Metro Parks	Schleppi Run Acquisition	\$3,377,350	\$1,688,675	50%	\$17,551.97	
16-05	Upper Arlington	Stream Erosion Control Education & Demonstration at Turkey Run's Reed Road Park	\$500,000	\$150,000	30%	*\$700.00	

0 = High Unit Cost * Clean Ohio Cost Per LF
 3 = Medium Unit Cost
 6 = Low Unit Cost

Chair Wilson noted that West Franklinton Greenspace Project has a high cost per acre is due to existing structures on the property, neighborhood is developed, there is frontage to Broad Street. For scoring, this project will be considered high-unit cost.

Schleppi Run Acquisition may be considered Low Unit Cost due to current market land pricing. Floor is opened for comment: Members agreed to raise the bar for Low Unit Cost to \$20,000 per acre.

Chair Wilson proposed that Big Walnut South Clean Protection and Schleppi Run Acquisition both be considered Low Unit Cost. No objections from Members.

Chair Wilson suggested that Clover Groff Run Restoration Phase II be considered low cost per linear foot, and that Stream Erosion Control Education & Demonstration at Turkey Run's Reed Road Park be considered high cost per linear foot as this will be stormwater restoration rather than stream restoration.

Members agreed to consider Clover Groff Run Restoration Phase II Low Unit Cost.

Additional Criteria

Question 26 (economic condition of community) is entered by staff

26. ECONOMIC CONDITION

ID	Applicant	Project Name	Community	Per Capita Income	Score
16-01	City of Hilliard	Clover Groff Run Restoration Phase II	Hilliard	\$33,571	6
16-02	Columbus Recreations & Parks	Big Walnut South Clean Protection	Columbus	\$23,472	8
16-03	Columbus Recreation & Parks	West Franklinton Greenspace Project	Columbus	\$23,472	8
16-04	Metro Parks	Schleppi Run Acquisition	Plain Twp.	\$61,217	2
16-05	Upper Arlington	Stream Erosion Control Education & Demonstration at Turkey Run's Reed Road Park	Upper Arlington	\$51,384	4

Communications with Landowner
Question 27 is determined by staff.

SECTION 4: COMMUNICATIONS WITH LANDOWNER

Question 27 is determined by staff.

Applicant has ...

- ... communicated with the landowner in person or by phone or email. (5 points)
 - › 16-02 Big Walnut South Clean Protection
 - › 16-03 West Franklinton Greenspace Project
- ... a letter of intent to purchase from the landowner. (10 points)
 - › 16-04 Schleppi Run Acquisition
- ... a signed purchase agreement with the landowner OR ownership of the land. (20 points)
 - › 16-01 Clover Groff Run Restoration Phase II
 - › 16-05 Stream Erosion Control Education & Demonstration at Turkey Run's Reed Road Park

Members will email scores to Edwina Teye (ETeye@morpc.org) by Monday, April 18, and include any notes to support rationale for Question #25, Other Factors.

Other Business

The draft schedule for Round 17 will be discussed at the April 25 meeting, with criterion and policies approved by mid-June 2022.

Members agreed that on-site review of past projects will help with the scoring and visioning of new projects.

Adjourned at 11:38 am.