

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

Natural Resources Assistance Council  
Meeting Notes – Round 17 – Applicant Presentations & Project Updates Meeting

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January 9, 2023, 1:00 pm

Members Present

Karl Craven, City of Westerville  
Matt Brown, Franklin County  
Stephen Farst, City of Groveport  
Jim Palus, The Nature Conservancy / FLOW  
Terry Seidel, The Nature Conservancy

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

Public Present

Haley Ingram, Metro Parks  
Jennifer Kline, Ohio Public Works Commission

Shannon Werner, City of Whitehall  
Brad Westall, City of Columbus

MORPC Staff Present

Lynn Kaufman  
Edwina Teye

**Meeting Called to Order at 1:10 pm.**

**Approval of May 9, 2022, Minutes**

Member Craven moved to approve the minutes; Member Studenmund seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Available Funds**

The current balance available for FY 23/Round 17 is \$3,966,462.92. This includes \$15,000 administrative costs

**Project Updates**

Cherrybottom Park Expansion – Venice Club

Request for extension until July 31, 2023; negotiations are ongoing.

Member Studenmund moved to extend, Member Stevenson seconded the motion, motion carried.

Big Walnut Acquisition

Request for extension until December 31, 2023; purchase price negotiations took longer than expected.

Member Craven moved to extend, Member Studenmund seconded the motion, motion carried.

Blacklick Creek Stream Restoration and Riparian Corridor Enhancement (City of Reynoldsburg)

EMHT was engaged to perform engineering design and permitting services in July 2022.

Extension requested to July 1, 2025, after the [Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol](#) has been completed.

Member Craven moved to extend, Member Farst seconded the motion, motion carried.

Schleppi Run Acquisition

The acquisition transaction has closed.

Big Walnut South Protection (City of Columbus)

The City of Columbus has canceled this project and will return \$304,000 to the PWC, which will be added to the available funds.

West Franklinton Green Space (City of Columbus)

Request for extension until December 31, 2023. The City of Columbus has requested that the OPWC review proposed deed restrictions. A Request to Proceed is expected for February 1, 2023, with demolition to begin July 2023.

Member Farst moved to extend, Member Craven seconded the motion, motion carried.

Glover Groff Restoration Phase II (City of Hilliard)

Expected completion is 2024. Tree clearing to be completed April 2023, with restoration commencing in June 2023. There may be a need for an extension at a later date.

Dry Run Stream Restoration

No update is available.

Utzingen Bog Conservation

Two acquisitions have been completed. Two other owners still need to close.

Eastmoor Green Line (City of Columbus)

No update is available.

Marsh Run Stream Restoration in Gantz Park (Grove City)

Request for extension until July 1, 2023. Planting review should be completed by Spring 2023. Member Brown moved to extend until July 31, 2023, Member Farst seconded the motion, motion carried.

Taylor Farm Acquisition on Rocky Fork Creek (City of New Albany)

Closing out soon. No other update was provided.

Chair Wilson requested Jennifer Kline contact City of New Albany staff for either an update, an extension request, or a notice to close.

Stockbridge Urban Forest

Request for extension until July 31, 2023.

Member Palus moved to extend, Member Brown seconded the motion, motion carried.

Utzingen Bog Expansion & Enhancement - Scioto River Flyway Corridor

Project is virtually complete. It is planned to close out by March 31, 2023.

Refugee Road – Mason Run Protection

Request for extension until July 31, 2023. Deed restrictions will be submitted in February 2023. Member Brown moved to extend, Member Farst seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Preliminary Screener Presentations**

- City of Whitehall – [Fairway Boulevard Big Walnut Trail Conservation Acquisition and Access](#)
- Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District – [Ayers Conservation Easement](#)
- Metro Parks – [Clover Groff Headwaters Acquisition](#)
- Columbus Recreation & Parks – [Cooke Woods Preservation Project](#)
- Columbus Recreation & Parks – [Hope Central Greenspace Project](#)
- Columbus Recreation & Parks – Linden Green Line Linear Park

**Other Business**

Members reviewed the Draft Schedule for FY 2024

**Adjournment 2:51 pm**