Natural Resources Assistance Council

District 3 – Franklin County – 614-228-2663

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111 Liberty Street
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FY 25 – Scoring Session

Monday, October 7, 2024
11:00 a.m.

MORPC
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
Columbus, OH. 43215

AGENDA

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Approval of June 24, 2024 Minutes
3. Current Balance Available: $ 5,745,295.94
4. Review and Scoring of Applications
5. Other Business
6. Adjournment

If you require special assistance, please notify
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The next NRAC meeting is:
Monday, November 4, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., MORPC

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Natural Resources Assistance Council
Meeting Minutes

Date: **June 24, 2024**
Time: **1pm - 3pm**
Location: **MORPC, 111 Liberty St. Unit 100, Columbus, OH 43215**

1. **Meeting Called to Order at 1:05 p.m. by Vice Chair, Laura Ball.**
   Welcome & Introductions
   a. Roundtable Introductions
      All members and the public present introduced themselves.

2. **Approval of March 21, 2024, Minutes**
   Member Steve Studenmund made a motion to approve March 21, 2024, minutes. Member Steve Farst seconded. Motion carried.

3. **OPWC Updates & Available Funds**
   MORPC staff, Dr. Edwina Teye updated the Committee on available funds of $5,745,295.94 which includes the administrative costs. OPWC Program Rep. Jennifer Kline clarified that the available balance included carryover from previous round. Additionally, Ms. Kline provided an update on the Capital Bill, which is the funding source for Round 19 and 20, which would be approved by the Governor before July 1.

4. **Project Updates**
   a. <u>City of Columbus</u>
   - CCPAD/ 16-03 West Franklinton Green Space
     Two sites constitute the West Franklinton Green Space project including the West Broad Chapel is nearing closing and will be eligible for reimbursement and the West Park project which is also ongoing. The applicant is requesting an extension to July 1, 2025.
   - CCOAA/15-02 Cherrybottom Park Expansion Venice Club
     Requesting an extension to July 1, 2025.
   - CCKAF/11-03B Eastmoor Green Line
     Requesting an extension to January 1, 2025.
   - CCOAF/15-03 Refugee Road – Mason Run Protection
     Applicant is requesting an amendment on the scope
   - CCRAA/24-01 Alum Creek Preservation (Agler and Sunbury Roads)

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- CCRAC/24-02 McNaughten Road Greenspace Preservation
  Deed recording has been filed and the applicant is requesting an extension to December 31, 2024.
- CCQAB/17-01 Linden Green Line Linear Park
  Acquisition is done and will be requesting reimbursement. The applicant is requesting an extension to December 31, 2024.

b. Metro Parks

- CCQAA/17-02 Clover Groff Headwaters Acquisition
  Metro Parks is still engaged in negotiations with the current property owner and has not closed on the property yet. Metro Parks is committed to continuing with negotiations and is requesting an extension to December 31, 2025.

c. City of Reynoldsburg

- CCOAE/15 – 08 Blacklick Creek Stream Restoration and Riparian Corridor Enhancement
  The city has received their letter for substantial completion. The City's Auditor's Office is in the process of submitting for payment (partial). They have also signed off on the Army Corps of Engineers completion of work form and submitted the NOT to the OEPA. The project is on track for completion.

d. City of Hilliard

- CCPAB/16-01 Clover Groff Restoration Phase II
  All grading, seeding and planting is complete. There are some areas where permanent seed has not yet germinated which may require re-seeding.
  Based on the installation date of the plants, the one-year plant warranty will extend to June 2025. Because of this, and the possibility of re-seeding, the city is requesting an extension to July 1, 2025.

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e. Appalachia Ohio Alliance
- CCNAB/14-08 Utzinger Bog Expansion & Enhancement – Scioto River Flyaway Corridor
  The project applicant will be submitting the final disbursement request and closing this project in the next few weeks

f. City of Whitehall
- CCQAC/17-03 Fairway Blvd. Big Walnut Trail Conservation Acquisition & Access
  The city is withdrawing its Clean Ohio application.

g. Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District
- CCRAB/24-03 Ayres Conservation Easement
  Franklin Soil and Water has closed on the conservation easement and will be working to request reimbursement and close out the project in the next 30 days.

5. **Motions and Approvals**
   a. Committee Member Steve Studenmund made a motion to approve the Refugee Road, Mason Run rescope and extension, Member Steve Farst seconded the motion. Motion passed.
   b. Committee Member Shannon Sorrell made a motion to approve extension of the remaining Columbus projects i.e. West Franklinton Green Space, Eastmoor Green Line, Alum Creek Preservation, McNaughten Road Greenspace Preservation and Linden Green Line Linear Park.
   c. motion seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.
   d. Committee Member Matt Brown made a motion to approve extension request of the Venice Club project to January 1, 2025, with the intent to discuss further progress at the next NRAC project update meeting. Motion seconded by Member Steve Studenmund. Motion passed.
   e. Committee Member Matt Brown made a motion to grant a request for extension to December 31, 2025, for Metro Park's Clover Groff Headwaters Project. Motion seconded by Member Shannon Sorrell, 1 abstained. Motion passed.

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f. Committee Member Steve Farst made a motion to approve City of Hilliard's request for an extension to July 1, 2025. Motion was seconded by Member Shannon Sorrell. Motion passed.

6. **Applicant Presentations**
Applicants presented on their projects and received comments and feedback from the Committee.
   a. Columbus Recreation & Parks: Cooke Woods Preservation Project and Whitethorne Woods Protection
   b. City of Dublin: Dublin Waterways Improvements
   c. Metro Parks: Little Darby Watershed Acquisition and Little Walnut Corridor Acquisition
   d. Prairie Township: Hellbranch Run Preserve

7. **Other Business**
MORPC staff Edwina Teye informed the committee of a public request received in naming the McNaughten Project in memory of Lizzie Roberston-Rutland who lost her life while leaving school to her bus stop.
Clean Ohio Rep, Jennifer Kline advised that it was within the purview of the applicant to consider the request.

Adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

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FY 2025 Scoring Session

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SECTION 1: PROJECT EMPHASIS

- Questions 1 – 13
- Scored between 0 and 5 per each committee member's judgement

- Each question is weighted
  - Low (2)
  - Medium (6)
  - High (10)

SECTION 2: LOCAL COORDINATION & SUPPORT

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- Question 14 – 20
- Each question has a different number of potential points

- Question 14 (matching funds is calculated by staff)
- Question 20 (cost effectiveness) determined by NRAC Consensus

14. MATCHING FUNDS

App ID	Applicant	Project Name	Total Project Cost	Local Match Dollars	Match %	Clean Ohio Amount Requested	#14 Match
25-01	Columbus	Cooke Woods Preservation Project	$1,202,380	360,715	30%	$841,665	5
25-02	Columbus	Whitethorne Woods Protection	$991,250	$297,375	30%	$693,875	5
25-03	City of Dublin	Waterways Maintenance Program, Year 2 – Site 28	$268,310	$68,310	25%	$200,000	0
25-04	Metro Parks	Georges Creek Acquisition	$530,000	$212,000	40%	$318,000	15
25-05	Metro Parks	Little Darby Watershed Acquisition	$2,390,000	$597,500	25%	$1,792,500	0
25-06	Prairie Twp.	Hellbranch Run Preserve	$1,784,000	$446,000	25%	$1,338,000	0
25-07	Westerville	Walnut Ridge Run Restoration Project	$1,250,000	$375,000	30%	$875,000	5
			$8,415,940	2,356,900		$6,059,040	

20. COST EFFECTIVENESS

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25-01	Columbus	Cooke Woods Preservation Project	$1,202,380	360,715	$841,665	6.14	$137,078.99			0
25-02	Columbus	Whitethorne Woods Protection	$991,250	$297,375	$693,875	49.3	$14,074.54			6
25-03	City of Dublin	Waterways Maintenance Program, Year 2 – Site 28	$268,310	$68,310	$200,000			558	$358.42	6
25-04	Metro Parks	Georges Creek Acquisition	$530,000	$212,000	$318,000	11	$28,909.09			3
25-05	Metro Parks	Little Darby Watershed Acquisition	$2,390,000	$597,500	$1,792,500	118	$15,190.68			6
25-06	Prairie Twp.	Hellbranch Run Preserve	$1,784,000	$446,000	$1,338,000	57.26	$23,367.10			3
25-07	Westerville	Walnut Ridge Run Restoration Project	$1,250,000	$375,000	$875,000			1300	$673	6
			$8,415,940	2,356,900	$6,059,040	241.7		1858	1031.4229	

0 = High Cost
3 = Medium Cost
6 = Low Cost

SECTION 3: ADDITIONAL CRITERIA

- Questions 21 – 26
- Each question has a different number of potential points

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

26. ECONOMIC CONDITION

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App ID	Applicant	Project Name	Community	Per Capita Income	Score
25-01	Columbus	Cooke Woods Preservation Project	Columbus	$30,056	8
25-02	Columbus	Whitethorne Woods Protection	Columbus	$30,056	8
25-03	City of Dublin	Waterways Maintenance Program, Year 2 – Site 28	Dublin	$60,152	4
25-04	Metro Parks	Georges Creek Acquisition	Canal Winchester	$42,841	6
25-05	Metro Parks	Little Darby Watershed Acquisition	Grove City	$37,557	6
25-06	Prairie Twp.	Hellbranch Run Preserve	Prairie Twp.	$31,683	6
25-07	Westerville	Walnut Ridge Run Restoration Project	Blendon Twp.	$32,231	6

SECTION 4: COMMUNICATIONS WITH LANDOWNER

- Question 27 is determined by staff
- Applicant has…

❑ …communicated with the landowner in person or by phone or by email. (5 points)

- 25-2 Whitethorne Woods Protection

❑ …a letter of intent to purchase from the landowner (10 points)

❑ … a signed contract (20 points)

- 25-01 Cooke Woods Preservation Project
- 25-03 Waterways Maintenance Program, Year 2 – Site 28
- 25-04 Georges Creek Acquisition
- 25-05 Little Darby Watershed Acquisition
- 25-06 Hellbranch Run Preserve
- 25-07 Walnut Ridge Run Restoration Project

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