

District 12 - Lucas County
Natural Resources Conservation Council
Scoring Methodology

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Project Name: (Type Project Name here)

Applicant: (Type applicant agency here)

Project Scoring Summary

Part II Score: 0 of 44 points possible
Part III Score: 0 of 34 points possible
Part IV Score: 0 of 14 points possible

Total Project Score: 0 of 92 points possible

PART I: PRELIMINARY SCREENING

YES	NO	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Applicant is eligible entity
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete application received by deadline

Project purpose must involve at least one of the following from A. or B. below:

A. Open Space (Sec. 164.22 A)

YES	NO	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Acquires land for parks
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Acquires land for public forests
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Acquires land for wetland preservation or enhancement
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Acquires land for natural areas protecting potentially threatened, threatened or endangered species
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Acquires land for other natural areas
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Acquires land for connecting corridors for natural areas
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Permanent conservation easement
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Constructs or enhances facilities necessary to make open space area being acquired by this grant accessible & usable by the general public

B. Riparian Corridors or Watersheds (Sec. 164.22 B)

YES	NO	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Protects or enhances riparian corridors or watersheds including the protection and enhancement of streams, rivers and other waters of the state.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reforests land in riparian corridors or watersheds
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Plants vegetation for filtration purposes
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Acquires land for purposes of providing access to riparian corridors or watersheds
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Acquires land for other purposes necessary for the protection and enhancement of riparian corridors or watersheds.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Acquires permanent easements for the purpose of protecting and enhancing riparian corridors or watersheds.

C. Would the project:

YES	NO	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accelerate untreated water runoff
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Encourage invasive nonnative species
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Initiate or perpetuate hydromodification projects such as dams, dredging, sedimentation, bank clearing, ditch development or channelization?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fund current legal obligations (such as fines, penalties, litigation expenses, mitigation or reclamation) under state or federal laws or local ordinances?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fund facilities other than those required to provide public access to or use of open space?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fund facilities for active recreation, such as tennis courts, ball fields or recreation centers

If Yes to any of the above in C, the project is ineligible (Section 164.22, ORC).

If project meets Preliminary Scoring Requirements move on to next Section.

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Part II: NRAC SCORING METHODOLOGY

NRACs shall consider all the following in approving or disapproving a grant:
Does the project emphasize the following pursuant to Section 164.22, ORC?
(each applicant must explain each scoring category and how they qualify to receive those points)

Points Awarded	Points Maximum	Question Number	
	3	1.	Protects habitat for potentially threatened, threatened, or endangered species – must be listed
	2	2.	Includes a plan to reduce or eliminate nonnative, invasive species of plants or animals. A management program must be outlined in detail to receive points.
	3	3.	Preserves high quality, viable habitat for native plant or animal species – refer to glossary and Habitat Suitability Index
	2	4.	Restores or preserves aquatic biological communities
	2	5.	Preserves headwater streams or wetlands that provide environmental benefits such as flood attenuation, aquatic habitat, and pollution assimilation
	2	6.	Preserves or restores functioning floodplains
	1	7.	Preserves or restores water quality
	3	8.	Preserves or restores natural stream channels
	2	9.	Preserves or restores streamside forests
	3	10.	Preserves existing high quality wetlands
	1	11.	Enhances wetlands
	1	12.	Preserves or restores other natural features that contribute to quality of life and state's natural heritage
	3	13.	Adds high quality habitat to an existing protected high quality natural area of at least 100 acres
	1	14.	Re-vegetates with native plants for filtration to improve water quality
	2	15.	Incorporates aesthetically pleasing and ecologically informed design including sensitivity to the terrain, natural resources and heritage of the property
	3	16.	Enhances environmental educational opportunities through formal programs
	1	17.	Provides physical links to schools and/or after school centers
	2	18.	Includes pedestrian/bicycle linkages to other open space preserves and population centers
	1	19.	Provides multiple recreational, economic and aesthetic preservation benefits
	2	20.	Allows proper management of areas where safe fishing, hunting and trapping may take place in a manner that will preserve balanced natural ecosystems
	1	21.	Enhances economic development that relies on recreation and ecotourism
	3	22.	Provides connecting corridor for protected natural areas
0	44	Total Points for Part II	

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Part III: NRAC SCORING METHODOLOGY

NRAC shall consider the following in approving or disapproving a grant (each applicant must explain each scoring category and how they qualify to receive those points):

Points Awarded	Points Maximum	Question Number
	4	<p>Percentage of Clean Ohio matching funds necessary to complete project;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 75% (required: no points) ◆ 74-70% gets 1 point ◆ 69-65% gets 2 points ◆ 64-60% gets 3 points ◆ < 60% gets 4 points
	6	<p>Level of coordination: (1 pt. each) Coordination means project carries out a specific plan of an agency or organization that was adopted more than one (1) year prior to submittal of this application. An agency or organization could offer in-kind or monetary contribution to the project to help implement another organization's plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ___ local political subdivisions (1 point) ___ state agencies (1 point) ___ federal agencies (1 point) ___ community organizations (1 point) ___ conservation organizations (1 point) ___ local business groups (1 point)
	2	<p>Level of conservation coordination with other Open space, Riparian Corridor, Trails, Farmland Protection or Urban Revitalization Projects under the Clean Ohio Fund in other Public Works Commission districts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ___ is a joint project (2 points) ___ carries out an adopted open space, watershed or other plan overlapping another district (1 point)
	9	<p>Community benefits: Relative economic, social/recreational and environmental benefits the proposed project will bring to the geographical area represented by the NRAC as compared to other proposed projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ___ economic (3 points) ___ social/recreational (3 points) ___ environmental (3 points)
	5	<p>Extent of public access once project is completed (check one)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ___ open days and weekends (gets 5 points) ___ open limited, but regular hours (gets 3 points) ___ open by appointment or with written permission (gets 1 points)
	3	<p>Operation and Maintenance once project is completed (check one):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ___ operation and maintenance plan in place (gets 3 points) ___ operation and maintenance relies on volunteers (gets 1 point)
	5	<p>Project Management Experience of similar or related projects (check one):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ___ successfully completed 3-5 similar projects in the last 10 years (gets 5 points) ___ successfully completed 1-2 similar project in the last 5 years (gets 3 points) ___ has partnered on at least one similar project in the last 5 years (gets 1 point)
0	34	Total Points for Part III

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Part IV: NRAC SCORING METHODOLOGY

Other Factors. *(each applicant must explain each scoring category and how they qualify to receive those points)*

Points Awarded	Points Maximum	Question Number
	3	<p>Community Planning: Project is in concert with an adopted comprehensive open space or watershed plan. Note: See Glossary for listing and location of plan(s) (check one)</p> <p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> project identified as important in the plan (gets 3 points) <input type="checkbox"/> area identified as important in the plan (gets 2 points) <input type="checkbox"/> project would be consistent with plan (gets 1 point)</p>
	2	<p>Regional Significance: What is the regional significance of the proposed project? (check one)</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> project located in a multi county area (gets 2 points) <input type="checkbox"/> project located in multiple local political subdivisions within one county (gets 1 point)</p>
	3	<p>Natural Resource Viability: How important is the project to the viability of the natural resources affected by the project? (check one)</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> protects a globally endangered species or biological community (G1 through G3) (gets 3 points) <input type="checkbox"/> protects more than 5 state Natural Heritage Inventory (NHI) S1 species or endangered species (gets 2 points) <input type="checkbox"/> protects 1 -5 state NHI ranked S1 through S3 species (gets 1 point)</p>
	1	<p>Level of funding provided (list: % and \$) by sources other than the applicant, both funding, and in kind:</p> <p>Private: \$ _____ % _____ Federal: \$ _____ % _____ State: \$ _____ % _____ Other Local: \$ _____ % _____</p> <p>(gets 1 point for attracting more than 5% Private, Federal, State, or Other Local non Clean Ohio Fund funding)</p> <p>4.</p>
	1	<p>Readiness to proceed factors: Contract with the owner and evidence from seller that closing will take place within 1 year (gets 1 point)</p> <p>5.</p>
	1	<p>Open space related facilities construction readiness: Contract with the owner and evidence from seller that closing will take place within 1 year (gets 1 point)</p> <p>6.</p>
	3	<p>Other Project Factors:</p> <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> project addresses a situation where action must be taken now or opportunity will be lost forever (gets 3 points)</p>
0	14	Total Points for Part IV