NRAC Meeting Minutes – December 5, 2019

Attendees:  
Affiliation/Appointing Organization:

Rick Bryan  
Lucas SWCD
Erika Buri-Chair  
The Olander Park System
Sara Guiher  
TMACOG
Joy Minarcin  
TMACOG
Kevin Joyce  
Black Swamp Bird Observatory
John Krochmalny  
Science Alliance for Valuing the Environment
Rob Black  
District 12 Public Works Integrating Committee
Tim Bockbrader-Vice-chair  
Ohio Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects
Stephanie Miller  
ODNR Forestry
Elizabeth Anderson  
Black Swamp Conservancy
Rob Krain  
Black Swamp Conservancy
Tim Schetter  
Metroparks of Toledo
Michelle Hister  
Poggemeyer Design Group
Carrie Hartman  
City of Toledo
Joanne Vail-Nixon  
Township of Washington
Shuman Majumder  
TTL Associates
Regina Collins  
City of Toledo
John Wenzlick  
Village of Ottawa Hills

Absent:
Ken Fallows  
Toledo-Lucas Commissioners
Gyasi Pullum  
Toledo-Lucas County Plan Commission
Tom Schoen  
Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association

Welcome:
Erika Buri, chair, welcomed all in attendance. Round table introductions were made.

Meeting Minutes and Agenda:
Erika Buri, chair, asked for a motion to approve today’s agenda and the meeting minutes from June 20, 2019. John Krochmalny moved to approve and Kevin Joyce seconded. Motion carried.

Round 14-Discussion:
Sara Guiher, TMACOG, updated.
Ms. Guiher gave a brief powerpoint presentation on the fundamentals of the Clean Ohio Fund, Round 14. The powerpoint will be available on the TMACOG website. A synopsis of the remaining timeline for funding was also given as follows:

- The allocation for Round 14 is $1,198,662. This amount is less than the Ohio Public Works Commission (OWPC) administrative costs.
- Applicant site tours are encouraged – contact Ms. Guiher to schedule.
- Applications are due March 13, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. – No exceptions. Applications can be submitted via e-mail, USPS, or TMACOG office drop off, but must be received by the deadline to be considered.
- An optional meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2020 to discuss applications received.
- April 9, 2020 the committee will meet to rank applications and select projects.
- All meetings are open to the public and applicants are encouraged to attend.
- April 30, 2019, applicants will be notified of acceptance.

A comprehensive Round 14 Funding Timeline was included in the meeting packet.

Methodology for District 12:
Erika Buri, chair, NRAC, District 12
The methodology for District 12 Clean Ohio Funds was reviewed. A copy of the methodology was included in the meeting packet. An Applicant Information handout was also available. There are four parts to the application. Part I’s questions refer to the project’s
eligibility qualifications. Parts II, III, and IV are detailed questions concerning the project, which were reviewed. Ms. Buri informed of a few of the natural areas in Lucas County along with some of the informational resources available to help complete the application.

- The presentation was followed by Q & A.

Ms. Buri’s presentation will be available on the TMACOG NRAC website.

**Methodology Summary/Followup:**

In response to questions and comments during the methodology, Ms. Guiher will develop a follow-up including resources for applicants, such as: Ohio habitat types, Ohio threatened and endangered species, how to access past applications, contact information, and guidance for site visits.

**Staff Report:**

_Sara Guiher, TMACOG reported_

The TMACOG General Assembly will take place on January 27, 2020. The keynote speaker will be Dorothy Pelanda, Director of Ohio Department of Agriculture.

The next NRAC meeting is **March 26, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.**, subject to change.

**Public Comment:**

The House Bill concerning eminent domain effecting parks, would only pertain to Mahoning and Stark counties.

**Adjourn:**

Erika Buri, chair, asked to a motion to adjourn. Rob Black, District 12 Integrating Committee, moved to approve, and John Krochmalny, seconded. **Motion carried.**