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## **Nominations Sought for Natural Resources Assistance Council in Lucas County**

The Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC) is an 11-member committee that evaluates applications for and allocates grants from the Clean Ohio Fund in Lucas County. The council is seeking nominations to fill four vacancies, serving three-year terms.

Qualified candidates can submit applications to the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) until August 1, 2011. TMACOG administers NRAC District 12 in Lucas County.

To be a candidate for a position on the NRAC committee, an applicant must represent one of the following types of organizations:

- Local government
- Statewide organization representing agriculture or forestry
- Conservation or environmental organization
- Municipal park system or park district
- Business, realty, planning agency, or port authority
- Soil and Water Conservation District

Of the four positions open for nominations, at least one must represent local government, and at least one must represent a statewide agriculture or forestry organization. The other two positions may be from any of the above categories.

The Clean Ohio Fund was first approved by voters in 2000 and was renewed in 2008. The fund calls for \$400 million to preserve natural areas and farmland, protect streams, create outdoor recreation opportunities, and rehabilitate brownfields in urban areas. Between 2000 and 2010, the Clean Ohio Fund returned more than \$6 million to Lucas County for the protection of open spaces and wetlands. As part of the administration of the Clean Ohio Fund, each Ohio district has a committee (NRAC) to make local decisions about funds returned to that district. NRAC membership is a voluntary position without compensation.

Applicants should submit the completed nomination form, a resume, and letter from their organization in support of their nomination. The deadline for applications is 5 p.m. on August 1, 2011. The nomination form is posted at <http://clean.ohio.gov/GreenSpaceConservation/Documents/nrac.nomination.form.pdf>.

More about the Clean Ohio Fund is at [www.pwc.state.oh.us/clean\\_ohio.htm](http://www.pwc.state.oh.us/clean_ohio.htm). For more information about NRAC, contact Kurt Erichsen, vice president of Environmental Planning at TMACOG at 419.241.9155 ext. 126, or [kurt@tmacog.org](mailto:kurt@tmacog.org).

Submit completed applications to:

TMACOG

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