



# Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program

District 14 Methodology Training

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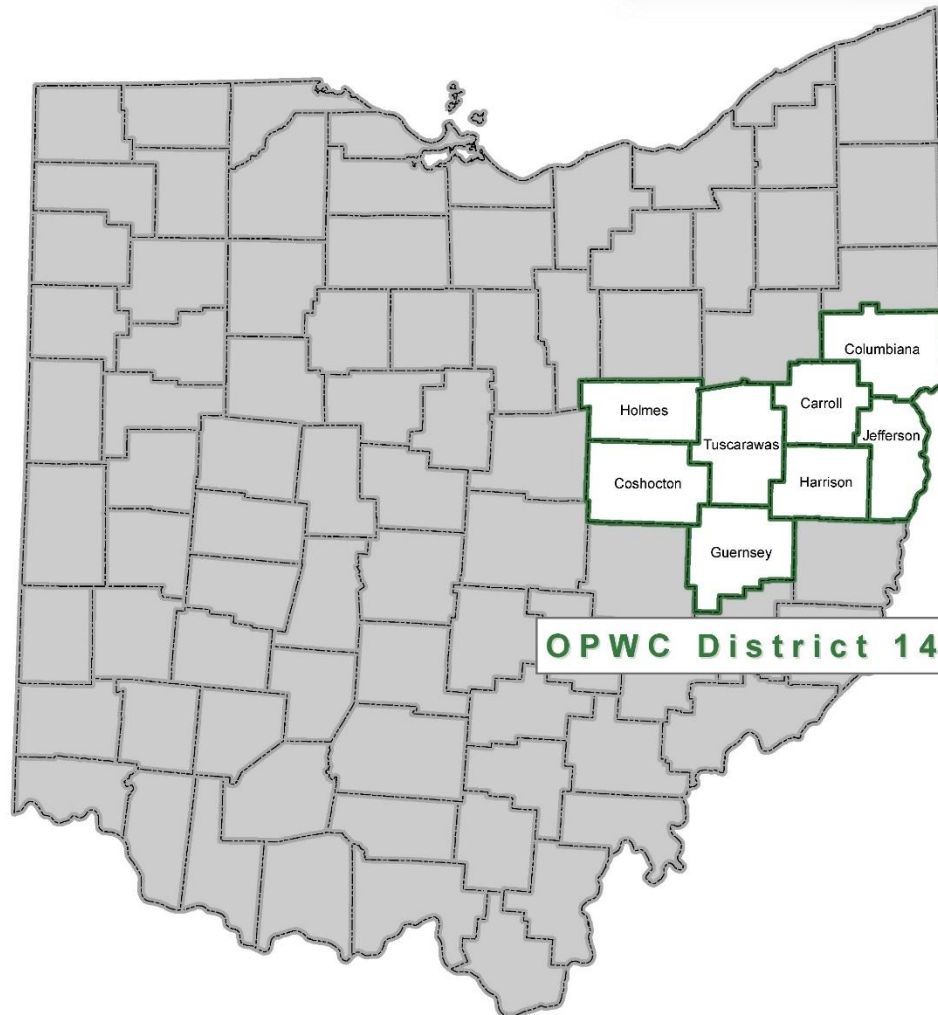
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# Green Space Conservation Program – District 14

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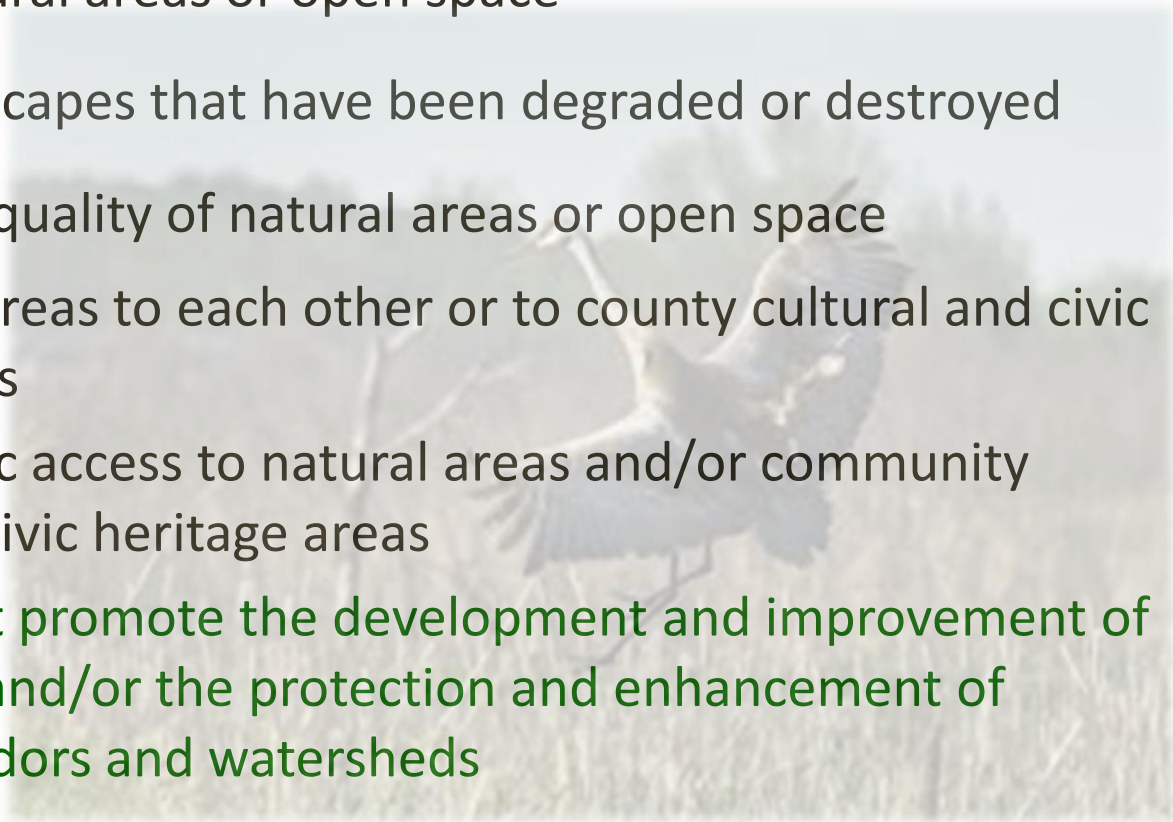
- Each District has a Natural Resource Assistance Council (NRAC), which is responsible for selecting projects that are determined eligible to receive funding from the Clean Ohio Green Space Program.
- Funding recipients must agree that the project area will be held as green space in perpetuity.



# District 14 Principles



- Preserve natural areas or open space
- Restore landscapes that have been degraded or destroyed
- Enhance the quality of natural areas or open space
- Link natural areas to each other or to county cultural and civic heritage areas
- Provide public access to natural areas and/or community cultural and civic heritage areas
- Projects must promote the development and improvement of open space, and/or the protection and enhancement of riparian corridors and watersheds





# Who Can Apply?



## Local Political Subdivisions

- Counties
- Cities/Villages
- Townships
- Soil & Water Conservation Districts
- Joint Recreation Districts
- Park Districts/Authorities
- Tax-exempt Non-profit Organization, one of whose designated activities is directly related to the purpose for which Clean Ohio Conservation grants are issued.



# Eligible Project Activities



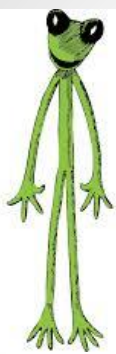
## 1. Acquisition

- Fee Simple Purchase – including acquisition of land and structures
- Easement Purchase
- Transfer of Conservation Easement



The links for Deed Restriction and Easement language are provided in the Methodology.

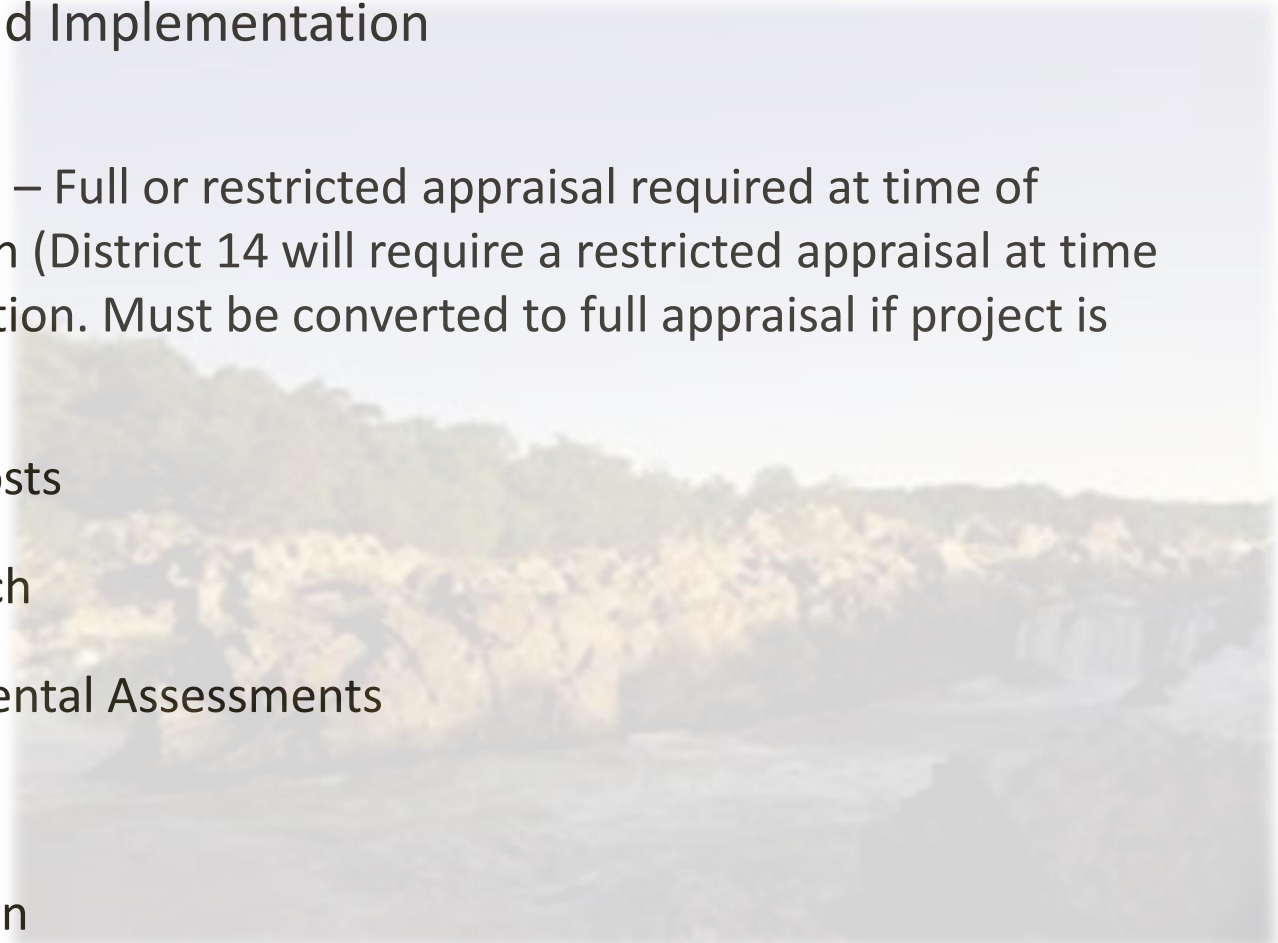
<https://www.pwc.ohio.gov/Project-Administration/Clean-Ohio>



# Eligible Project Activities

## 2. Planning and Implementation

- Appraisals – Full or restricted appraisal required at time of application (District 14 will require a restricted appraisal at time of application. Must be converted to full appraisal if project is funded.)
- Closing Costs
- Title Search
- Environmental Assessments
- Design
- Restoration





# Eligible Project Activities



## 2. Planning and Implementation (Cont.)

- Construction/Enhancement of facilities
  - Can include demolition of structures on the property/enhancement to the facilities must be ADA compliant
- Permits, necessary advertising, and other legal documents
- Surveys
- Trail construction, if on a site acquired with Clean Ohio funds
  - If development activities are planned for land already owned by the applicant, the land must have been purchased with Clean Ohio funds



# District 14 Methodology



## NRAC 14 Clean Ohio Program Updates Page

(Page ii in the Methodology)

- Will show how much money is available for District 14 in current Round
- Includes Pre-screening Checklist and Application Deadlines
- Pre-screening and final scoring meeting dates
- Advisories



# District 14 Methodology

## Changes to Clean Ohio Policy for Round 15/FY 2020

- 1.) Appraisals will now be required at the time of application.
- 2.) NRACs cannot approve projects where the purchase price exceeds the appraised value by more than 5%.
- 3.) Resolutions of Support may be statutorily required as part of the project application depending on project type and applicant location. If required, they must be to the NRAC by the vote. (*District 14 Methodology Pg. 16.*)



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## Changes to Clean Ohio Policy for Round 15/FY 2020



4.) OPWC will no longer fund permanent improvements to conservation easements except for removal of invasive plant species.

5.) There have been a few changes to eligible and ineligible items.

6.) Please include "Eligible Improvements without Clean Ohio Funds" in the language in the Use & Development section of the Deed Restrictions.



# District 14 Methodology

## Changes to Clean Ohio Policy for Round 15/FY 2020

7.) Project schedules must meet the Readiness to Proceed requirement, in that acquisition must be scheduled to begin within one year of the project agreement date, and improvements must be concluded within two years of acquisition.



**One Year – Acquisition**  
**Two Years - Improvements**



# District 14 Methodology



## Changes to District 14 NRAC Methodology and Process for Round 15/FY 2020

- 1.) District 14 will require a restricted appraisal at the time of application. If funded, the restricted appraisal must be converted to a full appraisal.
- 2.) District 14 may approve projects that include mountain bike trails, horse trails, or disc golf on a case-by-case.
- 3.) Discretionary points have been lowered from 30 to 25.

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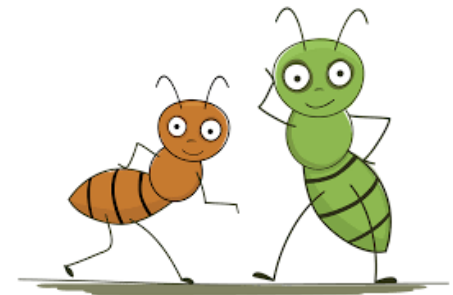


## Changes to District 14 NRAC Methodology and Process for Round 15/FY 2020

4.) A Pre-screening Meeting will replace the Pre-scoring Meeting and will be held several months in advance of the final scoring meeting to allow for project completion.

5.) District 14 will now require a detailed, itemized cost estimate that clarifies amounts and scope of requested materials.

3.) Points for easements have been amended.



# Keys to a Successful Green Space Application

1. Read the District 14 Scoring Methodology (***Twice***)
2. Complete OPWC Clean Ohio application: Link to Clean Ohio application is provided in the Methodology.

**Please be advised that the OPWC Clean Ohio application and the District 14 Scoring Methodology are two separate documents. You must complete both for a Green Space Clean Ohio application.**







## Keys to a Successful Green Space Application

- Complete the District 14 Methodology – (Begins on Page 17 with the Project Submission Checklist)
- Self-Score your project using the Scoring Methodology, except Item # 21 (For Item # 21, be sure to provide any necessary documentation, but no self-score should be applied)
- Review Application Submission Guidelines on Page 3 and 4 listed under Scoring Methodology

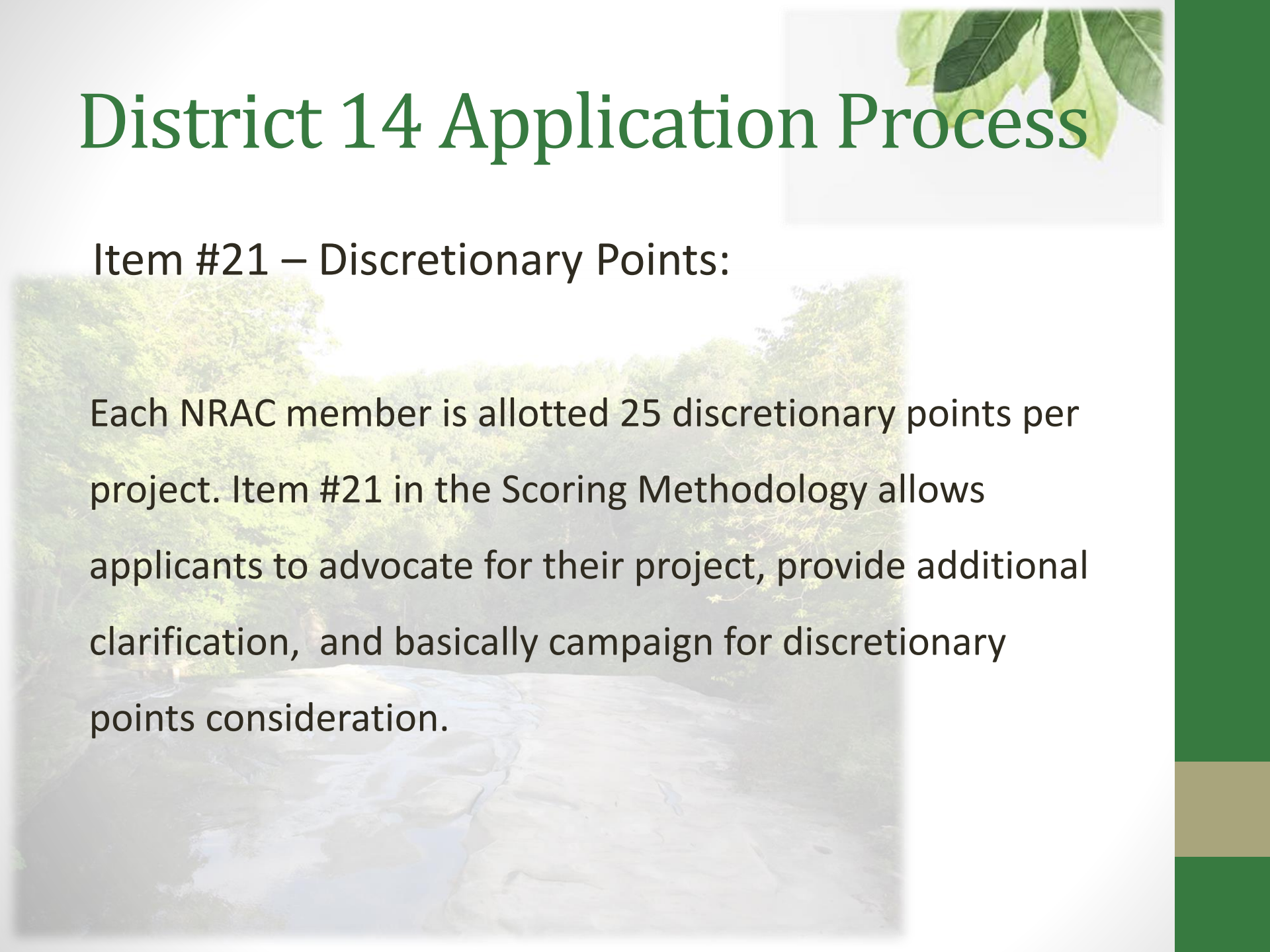


# District 14 Application Process



## Item #21 – Discretionary Points:

Each NRAC member is allotted 25 discretionary points per project. Item #21 in the Scoring Methodology allows applicants to advocate for their project, provide additional clarification, and basically campaign for discretionary points consideration.





# Supplemental Guidance for Clean Ohio Documentation



- Supplemental guidance for providing required Clean Ohio Documentation begins on **Page 9** of the Methodology
- Numbers in Supplemental Guidance correspond directly to the OPWC application

## 1.0 Project Financial Information (All Costs Rounded to Nearest Dollar)

### 1.1 Project Estimated Costs

#### Acquisition

Fee Simple	a.) _____	.00
Easement	b.) _____	.00
Total Acquisition Costs	c.) _____	0 .00

#### Planning and Implementation

Appraisal	d.) _____	.00
Survey	e.) _____	.00
Title Work	f.) _____	.00
Closing Costs	g.) _____	.00
Environmental Assessments	h.) _____	.00
Other _____	i.) _____	.00
_____	_____	.00
_____	_____	.00
_____	_____	.00
Total Planning and Implementation	k.) _____	0 .00

Site Improvements	l.) _____	.00
Permits, Advertising, Legal _____ 0 %	m.) _____	.00
Contingencies	n.) _____	.00 0 %
Total Estimated Costs	o.) _____	0 .00 100 %

Under Supplemental Guidance on Page 9 of the Methodology, item 1.1 (Estimated Project Costs, pages 9 & 10) corresponds to Item 1.1 on the OPWC application (shown below)

**1.0 Project Financial Information** (All Costs Rounded to Nearest Dollar)

**1.1 Project Estimated Costs**

**Acquisition**

Fee Simple	a.) _____	.00
Easement	b.) _____	.00
Total Acquisition Costs	c.) _____	0 .00

**Planning and Implementation**

Appraisal	d.) _____	.00
Survey	e.) _____	.00
Title Work	f.) _____	.00
Closing Costs	g.) _____	.00
Environmental Assessments	h.) _____	.00
Other _____	i.) _____	.00
_____	_____	.00
_____	_____	.00
_____	_____	.00

Total Planning and Implementation	k.) _____	0 .00
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Site Improvements	l.) _____	.00
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Permits, Advertising, Legal	_____ 0 %	m.) _____	.00
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Contingencies	n.) _____	.00	0 %
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Total Estimated Costs	o.) _____	0 .00	100 %
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Under supplemental guidance on Page 10 of the Methodology, Item 1.2 corresponds to Item 1.2 of the OPWC application, Project Financial Resources (shown below)

## 1.2 Project Financial Resources

### Local Resources

Local In-Kind or Force Account	a.) _____	.00	
Applicant Contributions	b.) _____	.00	
Other Public Revenues			
Land Water Conservation Fund	d.) _____	.00	
Nature Works	e.) _____	.00	
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency	f.) _____	.00	
Ohio Department of Natural Resources	g.) _____	.00	
Other _____	h.) _____	.00	
Private Contributions: (e.g. Land Donation)	i.) _____	.00	
Subtotal Local Resources	j.) _____	0 .00	0 %

### Clean Ohio Funds

Funds this NRAC	k.) _____	.00	
Funds another NRAC	l.) _____	.00	
Subtotal Clean Ohio Funds	m.) _____	0 .00	0 %
Total Financial Resources	n.) _____	0 .00	100 %

# Supplemental Guidance for Completing the NRAC District 14 Methodology

- Supplemental Guidance begins on Page 15
- Contains additional instructions for completing the District 14 Scoring Methodology
- Please note Sample Narrative on **Page 15** with numbers that correspond to Scoring Methodology
- Pay particular attention to **Item #2** on Page 16 – Resolutions of Support



# Final Thoughts



- If any items in the Methodology are unclear to you, please contact a member of the NRAC or the District 14 Liaison
- Be thorough –fill out all parts of both the Clean Ohio application and the District 14 Scoring Methodology
- When responding to questions, please provide as much information and documentation as possible
- **Good Luck!**





# Contact Information



## District 14 Liaison

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# Questions???

