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## **Public Works Integrating Committee Seeks Nominations for Franklin County Natural Resources Assistance Council**

**Nominations due May 2, 2016**

**(Columbus – March 24, 2016)** The District 3 Public Works Integrating Committee (PWIC) is seeking nominations to fill a two-year term, through the end of 2017, on their Franklin County Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC).

NRAC, an 11-member council, develops project selection guidelines and evaluates and selects projects to receive funding from the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund program. District 3, Franklin County, received \$3.1 million in funding for open space acquisition and to protect riparian corridors or watersheds for 2016.

Nominations can be received from the following categories or organizations, units of government, or agencies:

1. A county, municipal corporation, township, conservancy district, regional or joint district or unit of local government, or regional or joint political subdivision that is located within the geographical jurisdiction of the appointing integrating committee;
2. A conservation organization, an environmental advocacy organization, and organization with a primary interest in watershed protection and restoration, the department of natural resources, the environmental protection agency, or the United States natural resources conservation service;
3. A city park system or metropolitan park system or a board of park commissioners from a county that is located within the geographical jurisdiction of the appointing integrating committee, a statewide park and recreation organization, or the United States national park service;
4. A statewide organization representing agriculture, and organizations representing forestry interests, the department of agriculture, or the United States department of agriculture; and
5. An organization representing business, local realtors, or a planning agency, including a Port Authority, located within the geographical jurisdiction of the appointing integrating committee.

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Currently the PWIC is seeking nominations for category 5 only, “An organization representing business, local realtors, or a planning agency, including a Port Authority, located within the geographical jurisdiction of the appointing integrating committee”.

Information about the appointing procedures, a nomination form and member responsibilities can be found at the following links:

Appointing Procedures: [www.pwc.state.oh.us/GSCNRACAppointingProcedures.html](http://www.pwc.state.oh.us/GSCNRACAppointingProcedures.html)

Nomination Form: [www.pwc.state.oh.us/Documents/NRACNominationForm.pdf](http://www.pwc.state.oh.us/Documents/NRACNominationForm.pdf)

Member Responsibilities: [www.pwc.state.oh.us/GSCNRACMemberResponsibilities.html](http://www.pwc.state.oh.us/GSCNRACMemberResponsibilities.html)

To submit a nomination go to

<http://www.pwc.state.oh.us/Documents/NRACNominationForm.pdf> and download the form. Submit the completed form, a letter of nomination from a recognized entity in category 5, and a statement of the nominee’s background or qualifications.

Nomination forms can be requested by calling Wilma Yoder, District 3 Liaison, at 614-233-4175. For questions or to schedule time to discuss this funding program, please contact Wilma Yoder at [wnyder@morpc.org](mailto:wnyder@morpc.org) or 614-233-4175.

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