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Natural Resources Assistance Council awards over \$3.3 Million of Clean Ohio Conservation Funds

(Columbus – May 19, 2015) The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) announces the award of over \$3.3 million of Clean Ohio Conservation Funds (COCF) in Round 9 for District 3-Franklin County from the Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC). The COCF is part of the Clean Ohio program approved by voters in 2008. The COCF can be used to acquire green space and/or restore riparian corridors. Local governments, park and joint recreation districts, conservancy districts, soil and water conservation districts, and non-profit organizations located in Franklin County are all eligible to apply for these grant funds.

Rank	Applicant	Project Name	Total Project Cost	COCF Requested	COCF Award Amount
1	Appalachia Ohio Alliance	Utzingier Bog Conservation	\$1,485,900	\$1,114,300	\$1,114,300
2	Westerville	Big Walnut Creek Greenway	\$481,475	\$361,106	\$361,106
3	Franklin County Metro Parks	Mapes Farm Acquisition	\$210,000	\$157,500	\$157,500
4	Columbus Parks & Recreation	Lower Big Walnut Creek Preservation 2.0	\$614,500	\$448,500	\$448,500
5	Grove City	West Water Run Stream Restoration	\$2,589,500	\$776,850	\$776,850
6	Gahanna	Gahanna Woods Expansion	\$223,500	\$167,625	\$167,625
7	Columbus Parks & Recreation	Dry Run Stream Restoration	\$1,205,700	\$868,100	\$324,266
		TOTAL	\$6,810,575	\$3,893,981	\$3,350,147

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“The NRAC Board was pleased with the quality of projects submitted for funding,” states Michael Hooper, District 3 Chair. “We look forward to Round 10 and future continued support for the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund.”

Please contact Wilma Yoder at wyoder@morpc.org or 614-233-4175 regarding the Natural Resources Assistance Council and the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund.

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