Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission 111 Liberty Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

Natural Resources Assistance Council Meeting Notes – FY 2025 – Final Action Meeting

November 4, 2024, 10:00 am

Members Present

Ryan Andrews, PWIC Vice-Chair Laura Ball, City of Westerville Matt Brown, Franklin County Engineer's Office Stephen Farst, City of Groveport Nathan Johnson, Ohio Environmental Council Terry Seidel, The Nature Conservancy Shannon Sorrell, DNR Steve Studenmund, Metro Parks

Public Present

Jennifer Hufford, Ohio Public Works Commission

MORPC Staff Present

Lynn Kaufman Jessica Kuenzli

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Meeting Called to Order at 10:05 am.

Approval of October 10 Meeting Minutes

Member Studenmund moved to approve the October 10 meeting minutes; Member Farst seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FY 25 Available Balance: \$6,446,629

OPWC Update

No OPWC updates at this time.

Review and Approval of FY 25 Awards

The minimum score to fund projects is 120.5 points.

Rank by	COCF No.	Applicant	Project Name	Total Project Cost	Match %	COCF Amount Requested	Final Score	Total COCF Awarded
		D3 NRAC	Administrative Costs			\$15,000		\$15,000
1	25-06	Prairie Twp.	Hellbranch Preserve	\$1,784,000	25%	\$1,338,000	159.3	\$1,338,000
2	25-05	Metro Parks	Little Darby Watershed Acquisition	\$2,390,000	25%	\$1,792,500	152.5	\$1,792,500
3	25-01	Columbus	Cooke Woods Preservation Project	\$1,202,380	30%	\$841,665	149.2	\$841,665
4	25-04	Metro Parks	Georges Creek Acquisition	\$530,000	40%	\$318,000.00	143.5	\$318,000.00
5	25-02	Columbus	Whitethorne Woods Protection	\$991,250	30%	\$693,875.00	135.1	\$693,875.00
6	25-07	Westerville	Walnut Ridge Run Restoration Project	\$1,250,000	30%	\$875,000.00	119.1	
7	25-03	Dublin	Waterways Maintenance Program, Year 2 - Site 28	\$268,310	25%	\$200,000	97.1	
Minimum score to fund = 120.5				Total:	\$6,059,040		\$4,984,040	
						Funds Available:		\$6,446,629
						Funds Remaining		\$1,462,589

Prairie Township / Hellbranch Preserve

Member Sorrell moved to approve funding; Member Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Metro Parks / Little Darby Watershed Acquisition

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Member Johnson moved to approve funding; Member Seidel seconded the motion. Motion carried. Member Studenmund abstained.

City of Columbus / Cooke Woods Preservation Project

Member Brown moved to approve funding; Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Metro Parks / Georges Creek Acquisition

Member Farst moved to approve funding; Member Sorrell seconded the motion. Motion carried. Member Studenmund abstained.

City of Columbus / Whitethorne Woods Protection

Member Studenmund moved to approve funding; Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Preparation for FY 2026

Approval of Schedule for FY 2026

Members discussed schedule details; revised site visits schedule to Friday, September 12 with a rain date of Monday, September 15, 2025.

Member Farst moved to approve the FY2026 Schedule, Member Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Budget for FY 2026

Member Brown moved to approve the FY2026 Budget, Member Farst seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 10:33 am.