

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Remote Meeting

Natural Resources Assistance Council
Meeting Notes – Scoring Session

April 8, 2021, 11:00 am

Members Present

Vice-Chair Laura Ball, City of Westerville
Karl Craven, City of Westerville
Stephen Farst, City of Groveport
Nathan Johnson, Ohio Environmental Council
Maureen Lorenz, Friends of the Ravines
Jim Palus, The Nature Conservancy

Shannon Sorrell, City of Whitehall
Tyler Stevenson, Ohio Department of Natural
Resources
Chair Kyle Wilson, Franklin County Soil &
Water Conservation District

Public Present

Jennifer Kline, Ohio Public Works Commission

MORPC Staff Present

Lynn Kaufman Edwina Teye Nathaniel Vogt Brandi Whetstone

Meeting Called to Order at 11:04 am.

Approval of January 6, 2021 Minutes

Vice-Chair Ball moved to accept the minutes, Member Lorenz seconded the motion, motion carried.

Current Balance Available: \$5,390,569 –

Jennifer Kline, Ohio Public Works Commission

Jennifer Kline agreed that \$5,390,569 is available. Funding for Round 16 in Fiscal Year 2022 has been approved and appropriated by the state legislators. If funds are left over from any given round, those funds are carried over into the next round.

The Ohio Public Works Commission will take applications via the new web portal for Round 16 Fiscal Year 2022. The portal should launch in July 2021 for both the Infrastructure and for Clean Ohio. All applications and disbursements will be submitted through the web portal platform. More information will be distributed prior to launch.

Review and Scoring of Applications

Section 1: Project Emphasis

Different types of objectives are prioritized by what the project can accomplish.

Section 2: Local Coordination & Support

Questions 14-20 have different numbers of potential points

Question 14 (matching funds) is calculated by Staff

Matching Funds						
Applicant	Project Name	Total Project Cost	Local Match Dollars	Match %	Clean Ohio Amount Requested	#14 Match
15-01, Columbus Recreation & Parks	Cherrybottom Expansion Park – Capital City Baptist	\$272,000	\$76,160	28%	\$195,840	3
15-02, Columbus Recreation & Parks	Cherrybottom Expansion Park – Venice Club	\$644,000	\$180,320	28%	\$463,680	3
15-03, Columbus Recreation & Parks	Refugee Rd. Mason Run Parklands	\$1,440,000	\$432,000	30%	\$1,008,000	5
15-04, Dublin	Riverside Crossing Park Land Acquisition - N. Riverview St. Properties	\$125,183	\$31,296	25%	\$93,887	0
15-05, Lockbourne	Spring Alley Channel Project	\$154,212	\$39,212	25%	\$115,000	0
15-06, Metro Parks	Big Walnut Creek Acquisition	\$1,710,000	\$427,500	25%	\$1,282,500	0
15-07, Metro Parks	Little Walnut Acquisition	\$2,910,000	\$727,500	25%	\$2,182,500	0
15-08, Reynoldsburg	Blacklick Creek Stream Restoration & Riparian Corridor Enhancement	\$688,100	\$172,025	25%	\$516,075	0
15-09, Upper Arlington	Stream Erosion Control Education & Demonstration at Turkey Run's Reed Road Park	\$500,000	\$150,000	30%	\$350,000	5

Question 20 (cost effectiveness) is determined by NRAC consensus

Cost Effectiveness						
Applicant	Project Name	Total Project Cost	Local Match Dollars	Match %	Clean Ohio Cost per Acre	#20 Unit Cost
15-01, Columbus Recreation & Parks	Cherrybottom Expansion Park – Capital City Baptist	\$272,000	\$76,160	28%	\$60,258	0
15-02, Columbus Recreation & Parks	Cherrybottom Expansion Park – Venice Club	\$644,000	\$180,320	28%	\$107,833	0
15-03, Columbus Recreation & Parks	Refugee Rd. Mason Run Parklands	\$1,440,000	\$432,000	30%	\$12,824	6
15-04, Dublin	Riverside Crossing Park Land Acquisition - N. Riverview St. Properties	\$125,183	\$31,296	25%	\$52,015	0
15-05, Lockbourne	Spring Alley Channel Project	\$154,212	\$39,212	25%	\$28,049	6
15-06, Metro Parks	Big Walnut Creek Acquisition	\$1,710,000	\$427,500	25%	\$12,332	6
15-07, Metro Parks	Little Walnut Acquisition	\$2,910,000	\$727,500	25%	\$7,965	6
15-08, Reynoldsburg	Blacklick Creek Stream Restoration & Riparian Corridor Enhancement	\$688,100	\$172,025	25%	*\$430	3
15-09, Upper Arlington	Stream Erosion Control Education & Demonstration at Turkey Run's Reed Road Park	\$500,000	\$150,000	30%	*\$700	0

*Clean Ohio Cost Per Linear Foot

Section 3: Additional Criteria

Questions 21-26 -- Each question has a different number of potential points

Question 26 (economic condition of community) is entered by staff

Economic Condition of Community				
Applicant	Project Name	Community	Per Capita Income	Score
15-01, Columbus Recreation & Parks	Cherrybottom Expansion Park – Capital City Baptist	Blendon Twp	\$27,003	6
15-02, Columbus Recreation & Parks	Cherrybottom Expansion Park – Venice Club	Columbus	\$23,472	8
15-03, Columbus Recreation & Parks	Refugee Rd. Mason Run Parklands	Columbus	\$23,472	8
15-04, Dublin	Riverside Crossing Park Land Acquisition - N. Riverview St. Properties	Dublin	\$50,949	4
15-05, Lockbourne	Spring Alley Channel Project	Lockbourne	\$14,964	10
15-06, Metro Parks	Big Walnut Creek Acquisition	Hamilton Twp	\$19,334	8
15-07, Metro Parks	Little Walnut Acquisition	Madison Twp	\$25,883	8
15-08, Reynoldsburg	Blacklick Creek Stream Restoration & Riparian Corridor Enhancement	Reynoldsburg	\$26,243	6
15-09, Upper Arlington	Stream Erosion Control Education & Demonstration at Turkey Run's Reed Road Park	Upper Arlington	\$51,384	4

Section 4: Communications With Landowner

Applicant has communicated with the landowner in person or by phone or email.

- 15-01 Cherrybottom Park – Capitol City Baptist
 The application included a resolution from the City of Columbus, but not the approval from Blendon Township or from the Franklin County Commissioners. These approvals may not be available by the April 21 NRAC meeting.
 Members discussed whether to continue to consider this application. Vice-Chair Ball moved to make an exception for this application in light of COVID-19, Member Lorenz seconded the motion, motion carried.
- 15-02 Cherrybottom Park – Venice Club

Applicant has a letter of intent to purchase from the landowner.

- 15-06 Big Walnut Acquisition
- 15-07 Little Walnut Acquisition

Applicant has a signed purchase agreement with the landowner OR ownership of the land.

- 15-03 Refugee Rd. Mason Run
- 15-04 N. Riverview St. Parkland Acquisition
 Applicant has an agreement, but did not include the executed version of the agreement with the application. Staff sees this as an oversight.
- 15-05 Spring Alley Channel

- 15-08 Blacklick Creek Stream Restoration & Riparian Corridor Enhancement Restoration
- 15-09 Stream Erosion Control Education & Demonstration at Turkey Run's Reed Road Park

The City of Upper Arlington resolution has been submitted in draft form. It could not be submitted and voted on sooner because of City Council recess. The signed resolution is expected to be available by the April 21 NRAC meeting.

Member Craven moved to accept the Upper Arlington City Council resolution after deadline, Member Farst seconded the motion, motion carried.

Other Business

- MORPC staff reminded Members to submit their scores no later than April 16.
- Member Lorenz announced that she will be leaving Central Ohio this spring and will no longer be available for NRAC.

Adjourned at 12:05 pm.