Please Note!

- Applicants shall furnish the additional support information requested on the following pages to assist the NRAC Committee when rating the project.
- Applicants must complete this document in its entirety to be eligible for COCF funding.
- Failure to include this completed document will result in the disqualification of the associated project.

- The information requested in this document relates directly to the District 2 NRAC Scoring Methodology.
  - Please utilize the District 2 NRAC Scoring Methodology included in the Applicant Guidelines to ensure that your responses cover all factors noted in the Methodology.

- The NRAC scoring process utilizes the scoring criteria outlined in ORC Section 164.24.

- The District 2 NRAC Committee has assigned point factors to each of the evaluation criteria in order to determine which projects should be approved for COCF funding.

- This document, along with the OPWC Application for Financial Assistance will be used by the Committee to review projects.

- Information provided by the applicant must be accurate, and where called for, based upon sound engineering/ecological principles.

- Documentation to substantiate the individual items is required.

- The examples listed in this Additional Support Information document are not a complete offering of examples, but only a small sampling that may be relevant to a given project.

- For definitions of terms, refer to Ohio Conservation Fund Glossary of Terms included in the Applicant Guidelines.

- It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that all of the documents are accurate, complete and in accordance with the requirements, terms, and conditions set forth by the OPWC and the District 2 NRAC. Failure to meet these conditions will result in the disqualification of the project.
Part 2: Project Emphasis

➢ Provide an explanation describing how the project accomplishes each item.
➢ Please note N/A for those items that are not applicable.

Open Space

1. Reduces or eliminates non-native species of plants and regenerates with native species. **Documentation must include a planting & maintenance plan.**

   Reference Document(s) _________________________________ Page(s) _____

2. Preserves or increases high quality, viable habitat for plant and animal species where forest canopy or native vegetation covers greater than 50% of the area.

   Reference Document(s) _________________________________ Page(s) _____

   or

   Preserves or increases high quality, viable habitat for plant and animal species where forest canopy or native vegetation covers less than 50% but more than 25% of the area.

   Reference Document(s) _________________________________ Page(s) _____

3. Provides linkage to other parks, open space/green space preserves.

   Reference Document(s) _________________________________ Page(s) _____

4. Provides or enhances areas where safe fishing, hunting and trapping may take place in a manner that will preserve balanced natural ecosystems.

   Reference Document(s) _________________________________ Page(s) _____

5. Provides access to areas that result in recreational, economic, social, or aesthetic preservation benefits. **Documentation must include either a map, such as a census map, or a narrative description that demonstrates evidence of these benefits.**

   Reference Document(s) _________________________________ Page(s) _____
Riparian Corridor

6. Preserves or restores functioning floodplains including groundwater recharge areas. **Documentation must be provided in the form of a flood plain map.**

   Reference Document(s) ......................................................... Page(s) ____

7. Preserves or restores natural stream channels.

   Reference Document(s) ......................................................... Page(s) ____

8. Preserves or restores streamside forests, native vegetation or adjacent habitat.

   Reference Document(s) ......................................................... Page(s) ____

9. Preserves existing high quality wetlands or restores wetlands. **Documentation must be provided including a wetlands map and/or written documentation by a certified professional.**

   Reference Document(s) ......................................................... Page(s) ____

10. Permanent acquisition of riparian corridors, watersheds, forested hillsides, or green space linkages.

    Reference Document(s) ......................................................... Page(s) ____

11. Plants vegetation/reforestation land for filtration, improving the quality of, or controlling storm water runoff.

    Reference Document(s) ......................................................... Page(s) ____

**Part 3: NRAC Scoring Methodology**

Provide a brief explanation describing how the project accomplishes each item, if applicable. Please note N/A for those items which are not applicable.
1. Percentage of Clean Ohio matching funds necessary to complete project. Local match can include bargain sales, where the seller provides a reduction below fair market value as a matching contribution, and up to 90% of demolition costs borne by applicant, if applicable.

Reference Document(s) ___________________________ Page(s) _____

2. Level of collaborative participation: Participation means active involvement through funding or in-kind services as defined by the District 2 NRAC. A letter documenting how support will be provided is required.

Reference Document(s) ___________________________ Page(s) _____

3. Extent of public access once project is completed.

Reference Document(s) ___________________________ Page(s) _____

4. Operation and maintenance once project is completed. Documentation required.

Reference Document(s) ___________________________ Page(s) _____

5. Project management experience of similar and related projects including, but not limited to projects funded through Clean Ohio Conservation Fund. Documentation required.

Reference Document(s) ___________________________ Page(s) _____

Part 4: Compliance with District 2 NRAC Priorities

Provide a brief explanation describing how the project accomplishes each item, if applicable. Please note N/A for those items which are not applicable.

1. Community Planning: Project is in concert with publicly adopted regional, local neighborhood or community advisory association plan, watershed plan, or greenspace plan. May include adoption by governing bodies, planning commissions, park districts or similar boards or commissions appointed by the governing body of a political jurisdiction.

Reference Document(s) ___________________________ Page(s) _____
2. Natural Resources Viability: How important is the project to the viability of the natural resources affected by the project. **Verifiable documentation required.**

Reference Document(s) ___________________________                      Page(s) ______

3. Project preserves or naturally restores steep hillsides with slopes of 20% or greater and/or preserves or naturally restores steep hillsides with slopes of 20% or greater in combination with stream bank erosion control measures.

Reference Document(s) ___________________________                      Page(s) ______

4. Project preserves or enhances undeveloped land along viewsheds of major highway or transportation corridors where subject property can be seen from the right-of-way.

Reference Document(s) ___________________________                      Page(s) ______

5. Preserves headwater streams.

Reference Document(s) ___________________________                      Page(s) ______

6. Preserves erodible land or hydric soils, as defined by soil survey

Reference Document(s) ___________________________                      Page(s) ______

7. Project addresses a situation where action must be taken now or opportunity will be lost forever. **Documentation required**

Reference Document(s) ___________________________                      Page(s) ______

8. Size of acquisition is less than 5 acres or length of conservation/restoration area is less than 4,000 linear feet of stream bank.

Reference Document(s) ___________________________                      Page(s) ______