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### **FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCED AND FREE GRANT TRAINING OFFERED**

The Natural Resources Assistance Council for District 14 is accepting applications for Program Year 7 of the Clean Ohio Fund: Green Space Conservation Program. District 14 includes Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, and Tuscarawas Counties.

This program helps to fund preservation of open spaces, sensitive ecological areas, and stream corridors. Applicants may request grants for up to 75% of the estimated costs for projects that do either of the following:

Open Space: Open space acquisition and related development of those open spaces, including the acquisition of easements. This includes acquisition of land or rights in land for parks, forest, wetlands, natural areas that protect an endangered plant or animal population, other natural areas, and connecting corridors for natural areas. Related development projects include projects for the construction or enhancement of facilities that are necessary to make the acquired open space area accessible and useable by the general public.

Riparian Corridor: Protection and enhancement of riparian corridors or watersheds, including the protection of streams, rivers, lakes, and other bodies of water. Projects may include reforestation of land or planting of vegetation for filtration, and fee simple acquisition or acquisition of easements for providing access, or for protection and enhancement.

To assist with your application, a free training session will be conducted on **Wednesday, July 31, 2013** from 10:00 am to noon in the meeting room, lower level, of the **Tuscarawas County Public Library** located at 121 Fair Avenue, NW in New Philadelphia, Ohio. Please RSVP to the District 14 Liaison, Jeannette Wierzbicki, by July 26, 2013 either by phone or e-mail if you plan to attend this training session.

The grant application deadline is **Friday, September 20, 2013 at 4:00 pm** and will need to be submitted to the District Liaison at the address shown below.

Application materials are available from the Ohio Public Works Commission Website, [www.pwc.state.oh.us/GSCdefault.html](http://www.pwc.state.oh.us/GSCdefault.html) or from the District Liaison:

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