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\$4.7 MILLION IN GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR CLEAN OHIO FUND: GREEN SPACE CONSERVATION PROGRAM – APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED

With the recent approval of the State's Biennial Budget, an additional \$1.92 million has been allocated to the Clean Ohio Fund: Green Space Conservation Program for the District 14 Natural Resources Assistance Council. With this new allocation and previous funds, District 14 now has \$4.74 Million available for the Green Space Conservation Program. To encourage more applicants to take advantage of this program, District 14 has extended the application deadline for Rounds 7 and 8 to **November 20, 2013**.

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.

District 14 includes Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, and Tuscarawas Counties.

Applications will need to be submitted to the District Liaison at the address shown below by **Friday, November 22, 2013 at 4:00 pm**.

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

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Please contact Ms. Wierzbicki if you have any questions or to schedule a **free** individual training session on the grant application process.

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