



Division of Parks and Watercraft

Office of Real Estate and Land Management

Division of Wildlife

H2Ohio Wetland Grant Program



ODNR Division of Parks and Watercraft

WATERWAY SAFETY FUND

- Boat registration and title fees
- 0.875% of state gasoline tax
- Federal grant funding from U.S. Coast Guard & USFWS
- No state general revenue funds







- Over \$3.7 million spent on boat ramps, docks, restrooms, seawalls, etc. within Ohio state parks.
- Over \$1.4 million awarded to external agencies for public access projects, boating safety and marine patrol.
- A new marina was finished at Alum Creek State Park.
- Construction started on a new marina at Mosquito Lake State Park.

OUTGOING GRANTS

- Paddling Enhancement Grant
- Cooperative Boating Facility
 Grant
- Boating Safety Education Grant
- Marine Patrol Grant

- Navigational Aids
- Water Trails
- Clean Vessel Act
- Boating Infrastructure Grant Program

*Grants offered as funding is available

PADDLING ENHANCEMENT GRANT (PEG)

- Competitive; offers 100%
 reimbursement to eligible political
 subdivisions, state and federal
 agencies.
- Goal: To improve or develop recreational boating access for handpowered watercraft at public facilities.
- Budget: up to \$500,000
- Maximum Reimbursement: \$75,000
- Offered <u>intermittently</u> as funding is available.



PADDLING ENHANCEMENT GRANT

Eligible Projects:

- ADA launches
- Floating docks
- Lighting
- Signage
- Parking

- Ramp improvements
- Safety equipment (warnings, barriers, etc.)
- Restrooms
- Bank stabilization

Requirements:

- Open and accessible to the public
- Maintained and operated for a minimum of 10 years



COOPERATIVE BOATING FACILITY GRANT (CBFG)

- Competitive; offers 100%
 reimbursement to eligible political
 subdivisions, state and federal agencies.
- Goal: to improve or develop recreational boating access for motorized watercraft at public facilities.
- Budget: \$3M allocated in 2021
- Offered <u>intermittently</u> as funding is available.



COOPERATIVE BOATING FACILITY GRANT

Eligible projects:

 Ramp improvements, access roads, docks, lighting, restrooms, parking lots.

Requirements:

- Open and accessible to the public
- Maintained and operated for a minimum of 25 years







BOATING SAFETY EDUCATION GRANT

- Purpose: Support the establishment, development, expansion, promotion, and maintenance of safe boating programs benefiting the public and to address boater expectations for courses meeting Ohio's mandatory boating education law.
- Goal: Reduce boating accidents, mishaps and fatalities and to heighten the level of boating education and boating law compliance in Ohio.





BOATING SAFETY EDUCATION GRANT DETAILS

- Two-year grant cycles only
- Grant applications due December 1st
- \$500,000 available; \$30,000 cap per grant
- 25% match required

Eligible Applicants:

- Coast Guard Auxiliary Association
- U.S. Power Squadrons
- Political Subdivisions (state, city, county, twp.)
- Conservancy Districts
- State departments
- School Systems (including local boards of education)
- Non-Profit Organizations (501c3)



BOATING SAFETY EDUCATION GRANT CONTACTS



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MARINE PATROL GRANT

- Grants for local law enforcement agencies
- Operate and maintain a local marine patrol unit
- Up to \$35,000 per year
- Grantee must provide a 25% match
- Applications due December 15 annually



MARINE PATROL
GRANT

*New applicants must provide own patrol vessel

Patrol on the waterways during the summer

Enforce boating laws and rules

Educate boaters

Conduct vessel safety inspections

 Respond to boating emergencies

Conduct boating accident investigations



MARINE PATROL GRANT

- Officers must attend Basic
 Marine Patrol Training Course
- Track and submit patrol activities
- Submit expense reports and financial records
- Program Contact: Cindy Bellar
 Cynthia.Bellar@dnr.ohio.gov
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NAVIGATIONAL AIDS

- Navigational markers or signage for public waters
- \$90,000 available for the program annually
- No match required
- Eligible applicants: Political subdivisions for waters under their management.
- Applications due by November 1 each year

NAVIGATIONAL AIDS

- Speed limits and "no-wake zones", require the appropriate approval to enforce the law.
- For buoys or signage on federal waters, you will need US Coast Guard permit CG-2554
- Program Contact: Sean Landon

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WATER TRAIL PROGRAM

- Statewide water trails development focusing on regional trail development
- Funding allocated for brochures & signs
- Partnership program state and local effort
- Compliments land-based activities, camping, day-use, bike trails, etc.
- No application deadline!
- 17 designated trails
- Contact Mark Allen for more info: mark.allen@dnr.ohio.gov



OHIO WATER TRAILS







BOATING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT

- Federal grant program from the USFWS for <u>transient</u> marina development
- Public and private marinas
- "Big boats" 26' and longer
- Lake Erie, Ohio River, Muskingum River...



BOATING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT

• Two tiers: Tier 1 and Tier 2

• Tier 1 max: \$200,000

• Tier 2 max: \$1,500,000

• 25% required match

• July 1 application deadline

• Program Contact: Sean Landon

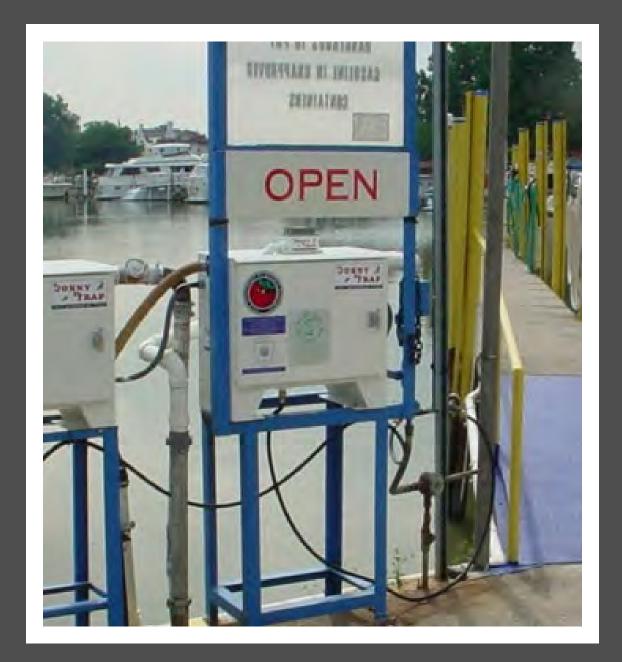
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- Pumpouts and pumpout-related facilities
- Available to all public and *private* facilities
- No match required; federal program
- October 1 application deadline
- Program Contact: Sean Landon
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Recreational Trails & Local Park Projects

OFFICE OF REAL ESTATE AND LAND MANAGEMENT REIMBURSEMENT GRANT PROGRAMS



STATE & FEDERAL FUNDING

Trails

- Clean Ohio Trail Fund (COTF) State funded
- Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Federal funding through FHWA

Recreation

- NatureWorks State funded
- Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) -Federal funding through NPS

CLEAN OHIO TRAIL FUND

- Consistent with the statewide or a regional trail plan
- Regional trail systems & links to a statewide or a regional trail
- Link population centers
 & outdoor recreation
 areas

- Purchase of rail lines or potential regional corridors
- Preserve natural corridors
- Links in urban areas to commuter access & has economic benefit.



ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Land acquisition for a trail
- Trail development making connections!
- Trailhead facilities only if small portion of project
- Engineering/Design as part of a trail project & if within 2 years of agreement with prior approval.





WHO CAN APPLY?

- Local governments
- Park and joint recreation districts
- Conservancy districts
- Soil and water conservation districts
- 501c3 non-profits
- State & Federal agencies are NOT eligible.







RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM

Eligible Projects:

- Trail development
- Land acquisition for a trail
- Trail maintenance/restoration/equipment
- Trailhead facilities
- Education safety & environmental protection (5% limit)
- Engineering/Design (as a part of a trail project)

Eligible Applicants:

- Political Subdivisions
- State & Federal Agencies
- Non-Profit 501c3



NATURE WORKS

Eligible Projects: Public Park & Recreation Areas

- Acquisition of parkland
- Park development of all kinds: Trails, playgrounds, shelters, splash pads, skateparks, ballfields & courts, restrooms, boating access...etc.
- Rehabilitation
- Engineering design as a part of project

Eligible Sponsors:

- Local Subdivisions of Government
- Must own property (or long-term lease)
- School districts & non-profits NOT eligible





NATURE WORKS GRANT DETAILS

Required Match:

- Minimum 25% (20% local)
- Donated land and labor ok within grant period
- Can match federal LWCF funds
- Property must remain in public recreational use for 15 years after project closeout.
- Time to complete project: 1 ½ to 2 yrs.
- Applications due June 1st, 2023





LAND & WATER CONSERVATION FUND

History

- Congress established the Land & Water Conservation Fund Act in 1964
- Permanently reauthorized by Congress in 2019.

Funding managed by the National Park Service

 Source of funds includes Outer Continental Shelf and Gulf energy lease royalties.

LAND & WATER CONSERVATION FUND

Eligible Projects:

- Public Park & Recreation Areas:
 - Acquisition
 - Development (Sponsor must own property)
 - Rehabilitation (Sponsor must own property)
 - Engineering design as a part of the project

Eligible Sponsors:

All Local Subdivisions of Government



LAND & WATER CONSERVATION FUND DETAILS

- Required Match: 50%
- Max Award: \$500,000. Minimum: \$50,000
- Local grant program will be offered every year. Applications for 2024 are due Nov. 15, 2023. Check ODNR website for application.
- Perpetuity Requirement: Project property must remain in public recreational use *forever* (now codified at 54 U.S.C. § 200305(f)(3): formerly Section 6(f)).

SECTION 6(F) LANGUAGE 'THE PERPETUITY REQUIREMENT'

• Property acquired or developed with LWCF assistance shall be retained and used for public outdoor recreation *in perpetuity*.

• Property so acquired and/or developed shall not be wholly or partly converted to other than public outdoor recreation uses without the approval of NPS pursuant to 54 U.S.C. § 200305(f)(3).







New shelter house with restrooms, Village of Wilshire, Van Wert County

REALM GRANTS CONTACT INFO

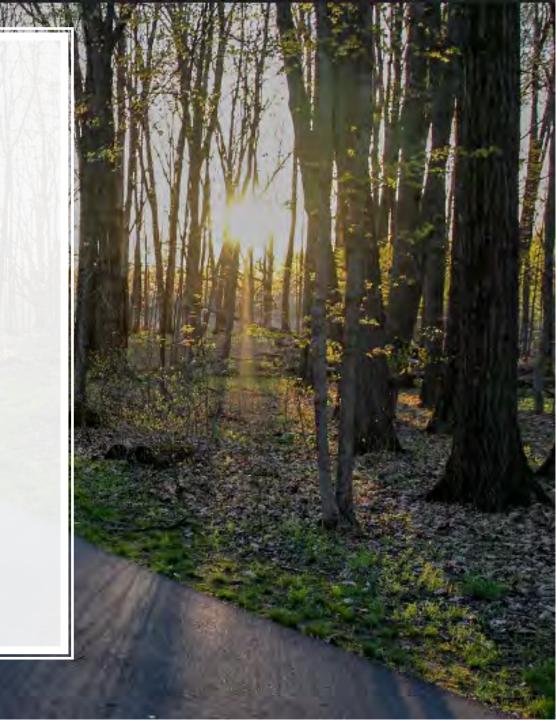
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ODNR DIVISION OF WILDLIFE GRANTS





WILDLIFE EDUCATION GRANT

Funding for wildlife conservation and environmental stewardship projects for educators and youth.

Who's eligible?

 Schools (public/private), County Ed. Service Centers (SWCD, Park Districts) & non-profit youth programming organizations

How much funding?

• \$500

When to apply?

Applications accepted continuously

Contact: Jen Dennison

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NASP EQUIPMENT GRANT

Funding for startup and development of the National Archery in the Schools (NASP) program in schools.

Who's eligible?

Schools (public/private)

How much funding?

• \$2,500

When to apply?

Applications accepted continuously

Contact: Matt Ortman

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STEP OUTSIDE GRANT

Funding to promote outdoor skills such as fishing, hunting, trapping, archery and shooting sports.

Who's eligible?

• Local government, non-profit organizations, youth facilities

How much funding?

• \$500

When to apply?

Applications accepted continuously

Contact: John Farson

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AQUATIC EDUCATION GRANT

Funding to increase aquatic stewardship and sport fishing participation.

Who's eligible?

Local government, schools, conservation groups

How much funding?

• \$500 - \$10,000

When to apply?

January 1st – March 15th

Contact: John Farson

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CONSERVATION CLUB PARTNERSHIP GRANT

Funding to encourage participation in wildlife-related recreation activities on a local level.

Who's eligible?

 County conservation clubs, non-profits, regional/state conservation organizations, youth organizations that promote outdoor sports

How much funding?

• \$500 - \$15,000

When to apply?

• February 1st – March 15th

Contact: Jonathan Sorg

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WETLANDS FOR WATER QUALITY

ODNR Partnering Divisions:

- Wildlife,
- Parks and Watercraft,
- Natural Areas and Preserves,
- Coastal Management,
- Water Resources,
- Mineral Resources,
- Forestry

H2Ohio





Reducing Phosphorus





PROTECTING OHIO'S WATER





Creating Wetlands



Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

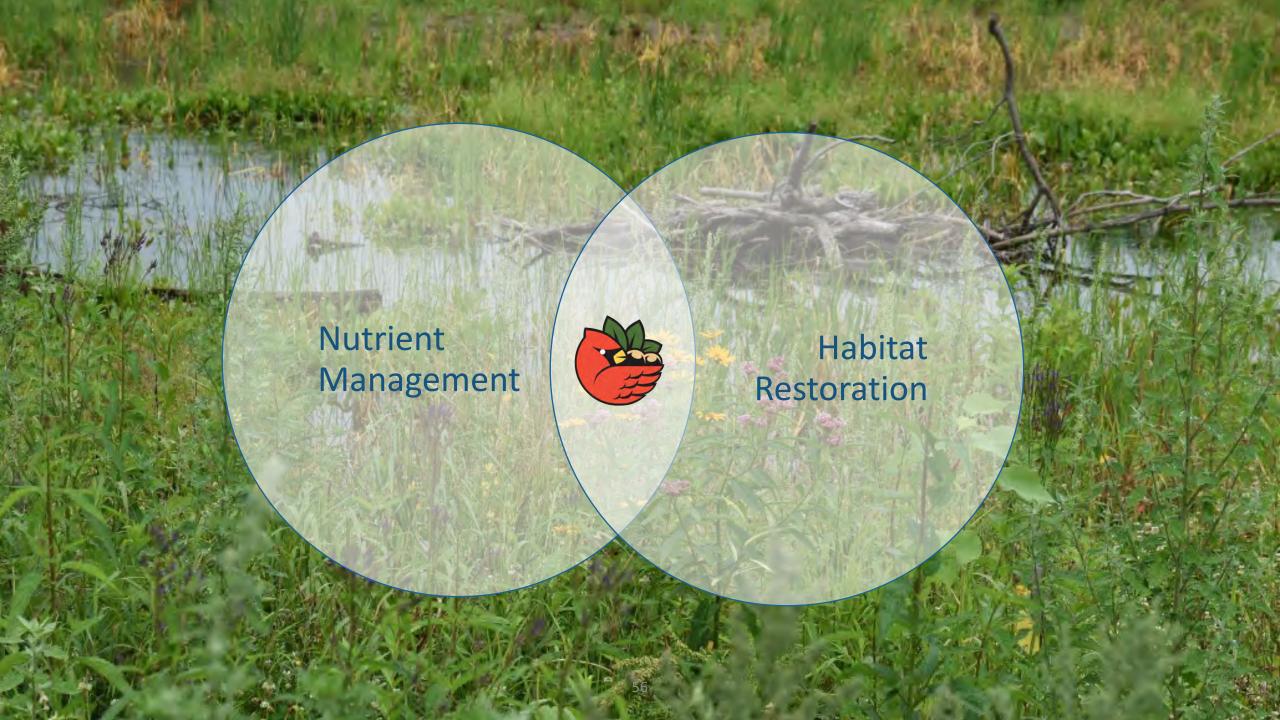


Addressing Failing Septic Systems



Preventing Lead Contamination









million

to support wetland project implementation o

\$4.3 million



allocated to establish independent project monitoring program

nonprofit conservation partners engaged

acres of watershed filtered by wetland projects

15,000 (acres of wetland and ecosystem restoration



157

landowners incentivized to establish wetlands and wooded riparian buffers through Lake Erie CREP

threatened or endangered species dependent on wetlands; many will benefit from this additional habitat





H2Ohio Statewide Projects and Water Quality Incentive Program Projects LAKE ERIE STARK COLUMBIANA 80 CARROLL 73 IEFFERSON COSHOCTON HARRISON DARKE CHAMPAIGN LICKING GUERNSEY BELMONT MUSKINGUM MIAMI 76 MONTGOMERY PREBLE FAIRFIELD NOBLE MONROE GREENE FAYETTE HOCKING WASHINGTON CLINTON ROSS & VINTON HIGHLAND PIKE MEIGS IACKSON ADAMS

Green = completed Purple = in progress

Ohio River Basin *and*Lake Erie Basin

Many projects being monitored by "LEARN" consortium

THE H20HIO WETLANDS GRANT PROGRAM



- ✓ Reimbursement program, provides up-to-100% project funding
- ✓ Matching dollars not required
- ✓ No min/max on projects (Lake Erie Basin)
- ✓ Can cover indirect costs
- ✓ Ohio River Basin Grant July 2023

Who can apply?: Cities, villages, counties, townships, special districts such as park districts, joint recreation boards, or conservancy districts, jointly sponsored projects between political subdivisions and non-profit organizations



THE H20HIO WETLANDS GRANT PROGRAM

Eligible Projects:

- Wetland creation
- Restoration of existing wetlands, floodplains, streams, riparian buffers
- Acid mine drainage abatement
- Projects focused on nutrient reduction and water quality improvements
- Storm flow storage and erosion reduction
- Two-stage ditch

INELIGIBLE H20 PROJECTS:

- Primarily treat invasive species
- Require maintenance costs
- Research and/or technology development
- Property acquisition only (no restoration)
- Limited to protection of existing resources only
- Projects with a useful life of less than 15 years
- Partial projects not fully funded



Past Projects Funded Through The Ohio River Basin H2Ohio Wetland Grant Program



County	Applicant Agency	Project Title	Location	Proposal Description
Butler	Mill Creek Alliance	Westchester Wetland Restoration	Property Along Mill Creek	Wetland Restoration
Franklin	Columbus & Franklin County Metro Parks	Walnut Creek Treatment Wetland Restoration	Park Property along Walnut Creek	Wetland Creation and Floodplain Restoration
Mahoning	ABC District	Forest Lawn Stormwater Park	ABC District Property	Floodplain Restoration
Holmes	Holmes County Park District	Reconnecting to Killbuck Creek	Park Property	Wetland Restoration & Floodplain expansion
Franklin	Franklin County SWCD	Hellbranch Meadows West Wetland Restoration Project	Franklin SWCD Property	Wetland Restoration
Wayne	The Wilderness Center	East Funk Bottoms	The Wilderness Center property	Wetland Restoration & Floodplain Restoration
Montgomery	Five Rivers Metro Park	Spring Run Conservation Area Wetland Restoration Project	Spring Run Conservation Area	Wetland Restoration
Medina	West Creek Conservancy	Chippewa Creek Floodplain and Wetland Restoration Project	Private Landowner	Wetland creation
Butler	Three Valley Conservation Trust	Indian Creek - Hoffmann Wetland and Stream Restoration	Private Landowner	Floodplain Restoration
Hamilton	Gorman Heritage Farm	Gorman Heritage Farm Treatment Wetland System	Gorman Heritage Farm	Wetland Creation

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Available Grants

OHIO RIVER BASIN H2OHIO WETLAND GRANT PROGRAM

Grant Opportunities



Program Intent and Purpose

The Ohio River Basin H2Ohio Wetland Grant Program is a reimbursement grant program that provides up-to-100 percent project funding for high quality natural-

infrastructure projects focused on nutrient reduction and water quality improvement within the Ohio River Basin. This grant program is state-funded through Ohio's H2Ohio program and is administered by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources ("ODNR"). Per-project budget must be justified in the application and fall in the approximate range of \$50,000 to \$500,000 in requested H2Ohio funding.

Types of Eligible Ohio River Basin H2Ohio Wetland or Natural-Infrastructure Projects Include:

- Wetland creation
- · Hydrologic restoration of wetlands on hydric soils
- · Hydrologic enhancement of existing wetlands and floodplains
- · Stream and floodplain restoration
- · Restoration of forested riparian buffers
- Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) Abatement Projects

ADDITIONAL DOWNLOADS

★ 2022 Application and Program Materials

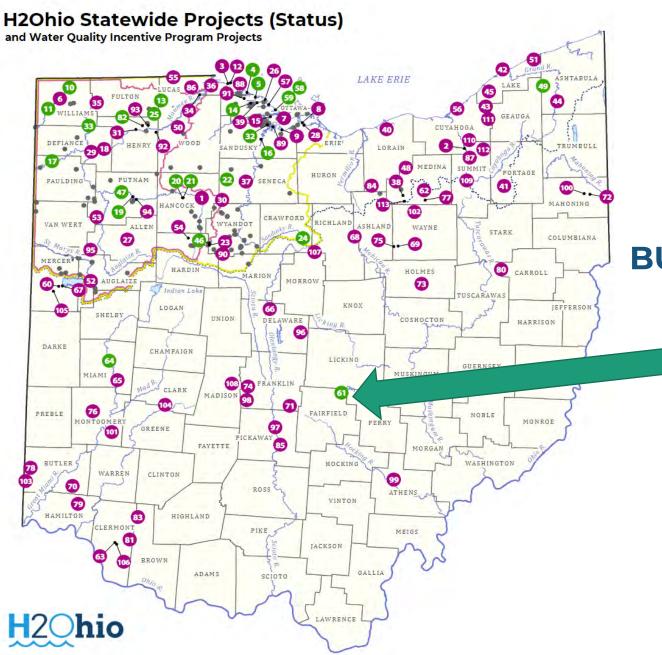
The Ohio River Basin H2Ohio
Wetland Grant Webinar — Monday,
February 28th, 2022 (MP4)

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FOR MORE INFORMATION



WETLAND TOUR, STOP #1:

BUCKEYE LAKE, BROOKS PARK WETLAND RESTORATION

BUCKEYE LAKE, BROOKS PARK WETLAND RESTORATION

Funded: March 2020

Completed: September 2021

Project Size: 3 Acres

Drainage Area: 700 Acres

Project Concept: Restore floodplain and nutrient reduction function to Murphy's Run. Add wetland acreage to under-used park area.









H2Ohio Statewide Projects (Status) and Water Quality Incentive Program Projects LAKE ERIE 40 SENECA! MAHONING STARK 73 COLUMBIANA 80 CARROLL HOLMES Indian Lake USCARAWAS **JEFFERSON** 66) COSHOC HARRISON DARKE CHAMPAIGN LICKING GUERNSEY BELMONT MUSKINGUM 76 A PREBLE PICKAWAY 85 PERRY MONROE 100 FAYETTE WASHINGTON HOCKING CLINTON 99 ROSS ATHENS VINTON HIGHLAND PIKE MEIGS JACKSON ADAMS SCIOTO LAWRENCE

WETLAND TOUR, STOP #2:

MAUMEE RIVER FLOODPLAIN RESTORATION









Funded: December 2020

Completion Date: June 2023

Location: Henry County

Project Size: 57 Acres

Project Concept: This project will help keep nutrients out of the Maumee River by restoring 57-acres of active floodplain allowing the Maumee River to fully utilize nearby habitat to process nutrients and settle out suspended settlements. This project is expected to deliver both water-quality and wildlife habitat benefits.





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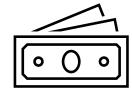
State of Ohio Supplier ID

- 1. Create an OH ID Account
- 2. Register at Ohiopays.ohio.gov

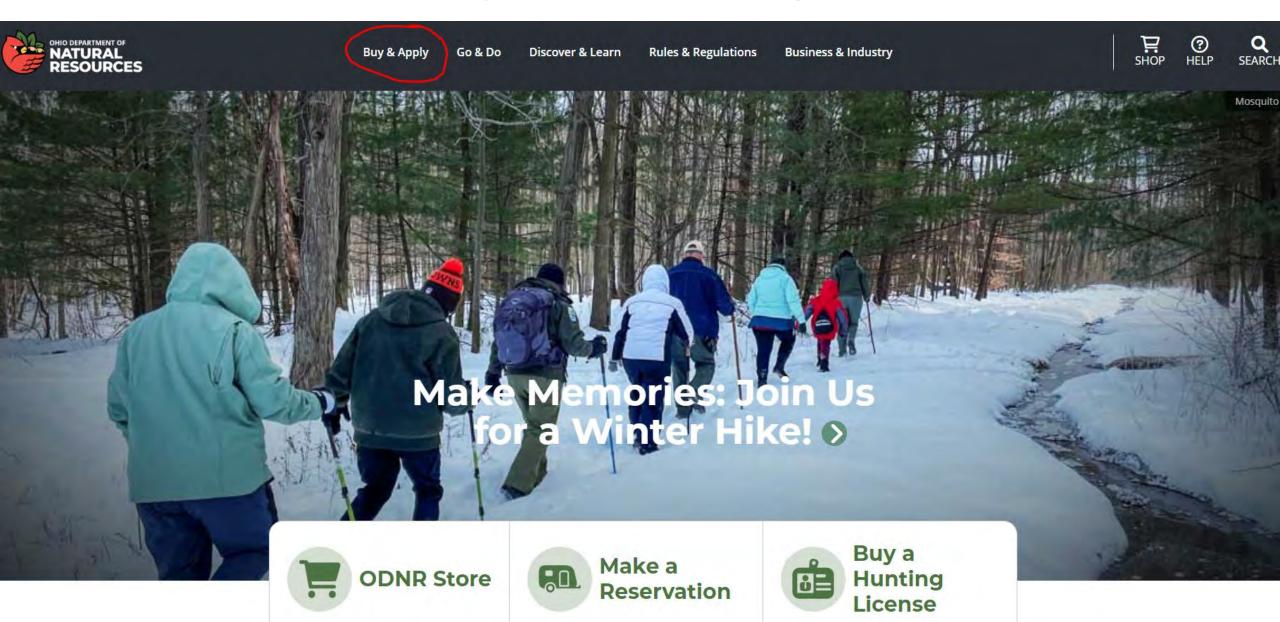
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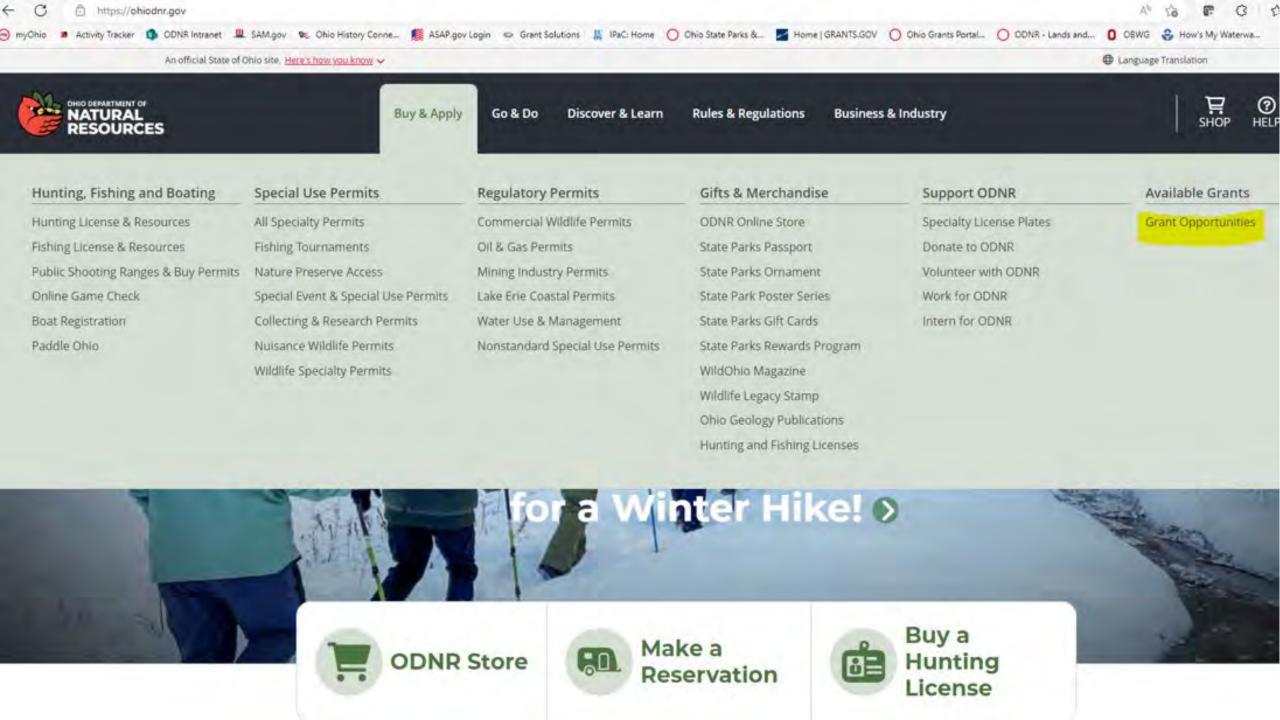
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- Make it "public" so we can see it!

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Available Grants

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Grant Opportunities

The Department of Natural Resources offers numerous grants throughout the year. Explore all of the opportunities below by using the filters to sort by topics, divisions, and keywords.

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Natural Areas Research Grant
Funding available to institutions, park



