

July 22, 2020

**MEDIA RELEASE –**

District 13 Natural Resource Assistance Council (NRAC) announces the application period is now open for Round 15 of Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Funding. Approximately \$3,728,453 is available to local communities and non-profit organizations to preserve natural areas, protect streams, and create outdoor recreational opportunities. Applications for Green Space improvements under the Clean Ohio Round 15 program will be accepted July 22, 2020, through January 22, 2021.

District 13 is comprised of Allen, Auglaize, Hancock, Logan, Mercer, Putnam, Shelby and Van Wert Counties.

Applications for Green Space Conservation funds may be requested through the Ohio Public Works Commission, 65 E. State St., Suite 312, Columbus, OH 43215, phone (614) 466-0880, can be downloaded off the internet at [www.pwc.state.oh.us](http://www.pwc.state.oh.us), or can be obtained through County NRAC Representatives (see below). Applications can be submitted to Chairman Howard Elstro, 50 Town Square, Lima, OH 45801-4900. District 13 NRAC requires twelve (12) copies of the application to be submitted.

District 13 Natural Resource Assistance Council is comprised of eleven representatives of the eight county districts. Current members include:

Howard Elstro		District 13 Integrating Committee	<a href="mailto:howard.elstro@cityhall.lima.oh.us">howard.elstro@cityhall.lima.oh.us</a>
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Applications and copies of the District 13 scoring methodology are posted and can be downloaded at the Ohio Public Works Commission website, [www.pwc.state.oh.us](http://www.pwc.state.oh.us).

J. Howard Elstro

District 13 Chairman  
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cc: County Representatives

# **NRAC DISTRICT 13 ROUND 15 SCHEDULE**

Announcement/Call for Applications	July 22, 2020
Application Review by Local Rep (Optional)	January 13, 2021
Application Due to Chairman	January 22, 2021
Distribution of Application & Score Sheets to Committee Members	February 1, 2021
Optional Meeting Application Review	February 22, 2021
Score Sheets to Chair	February 26, 2021
Full Committee Review & Adoption of Slate	March 18, 2021