



NatureWorks Procedural Guide

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

A. INTRODUCTION

This guide contains general project information that applies to all NatureWorks projects, and contains guidelines for development projects, acquisition projects and how to request reimbursements.

As the 'Participant', it is your responsibility to follow all guidelines and rules established by the state. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (the "Department") shall assure that the Participant complies with the terms of the project agreement, the provisions of this guide, and all relevant laws, rules and regulations. The Department may issue instructions, interpretations or additional guidelines as necessary for effective program performance. Project assistance may be terminated in whole or in part at any time before or within the project period if the Department determines that the Participant has failed to comply with the project agreement. The Participant will be promptly notified in writing of such findings.

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B. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

The Department has been designated by the Governor as the state agency responsible for program administration. Within the Department, program responsibilities have been assigned to the Office of Real Estate. Under the terms of a project agreement, the Department delegates to you, the "Participant" certain responsibilities for project completion, record retention and operation.

C. RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROJECT COMPLETION

The Participant is legally responsible to complete the project. Once reimbursement is accepted, a project financed through NatureWorks shall not be terminated by the Participant before it is satisfactorily completed. Requests to prematurely terminate a project must be accompanied by a full explanation of the need to terminate and the proposed disposition of the incomplete project. Premature termination requires prior approval from the Department.

1. Satisfactory Progress. The Participant must ensure that its project is carried through with reasonable promptness to a stage of completion acceptable to the Department. Failure to maintain satisfactory progress or failure to complete the project to the satisfaction of the Department may be cause for termination or cause to withhold further payments on any of the Participant's existing projects. Qualification of new projects may also be delayed until project provisions are satisfactorily met.
2. Site Inspections. Site visits may be made at any time by Department representatives to ensure that work is progressing in accordance with the project as approved. After a project is completed, periodic unannounced inspections may be made to ensure that the area is being used solely for public recreation.

3. Changes in an Approved Project. The Participant may not deviate from the scope of an approved project without Department approval. The scope of an approved project is described in the State-Local Project Agreement and is based upon the original grant application. All proposed grant projects are competitively scored and selected on the basis of merit. In order to maintain the integrity of the selection process, the Department may avoid approval of significant changes to awarded projects.

If the Participant finds it necessary to seek a change in project scope the following will be considered:

- What factors create a valid need for the proposed project change?
- Will the proposed change solve the problem identified in the purpose and need section of the original application to the same extent as the original proposal?
- Is the proposed project change eligible for grant assistance under grant program guidelines/rules?
- Does the change involve a different location/site?
- Does the proposed change constitute a major or minor revision to the project as originally defined?
- Will an additional review of NEPA issues be required? Additional review will usually be required when considering a new site or different type of development that was not a part of the project's original definition.

Requests for changes in project scope must be made in writing and must contain a detailed explanation. The request should include appropriate maps, cost estimates, etc., to accurately reflect the proposed change.

D. PENALTY POINTS.

When public funds are allocated, time is of the essence. Obligation of public funds is done in good faith. Unfortunately, penalty points are occasionally assessed against a Participant's future grant application as a necessary tool in the proper administration of public funds.

1. NatureWorks Grant Agreement Extensions: After the NatureWorks Agreement for the project has been executed, the Participant has until the end of the following calendar year to complete the project, meaning complete all grant funded construction. Invoices, payments to vendors/contractors and submittal of final reimbursement request to the Department can occur shortly afterwards.

If the Participant finds it necessary, the Participant may submit a written request for an extension to the Agreement. All NatureWorks Agreement extensions are granted in six-month increments. A five-point penalty is assessed for every 6-month extension period. For example, if a Participant receives a twelve-month extension, a ten-point penalty will be deducted from the score of the Participant's next NatureWorks or LWCF grant application.

2. Withdrawal of Encumbered Grant Projects: When a project Agreement is executed, a state purchase order is created encumbering funds for the project. If the project is later withdrawn, there are negative consequences. Not only has valuable staff time been lost processing the grant, but if enough time has elapsed since the state purchase order was created, funding encumbered for the withdrawn project will not be directly available to the NatureWorks program again. This funding could have benefitted public outdoor recreation through award to another viable grant project.

The Department recognizes that unexpected events can occasionally result in withdrawal of an encumbered grant project. If the Participant withdraws a project but has not withdrawn another grant project within the past five calendar years, a small five-point penalty will be assessed against the Participant's next future grant application. However, in the following situations, twenty penalty points will be assessed against a Participant's future grant application:

- The project is closed with a significant or totally unreimbursed balance and the Participant is unresponsive to Department inquiries and/or requests for required reimbursement documents.
- The Participant withdraws a project and has also withdrawn one or more other grant projects within the last five calendar years.

Some ways to avoid penalty points:

- Start projects on time.
- Have all matching funding in place for the project.
- Submit grant application for projects that are 'ready to go'.
- Provide good communication about the project to incoming leadership, should Participant's leadership change.
- Respond in a timely manner to Department inquiries about the project.
- Review the grant program procedural guide prior to application and again after award.
- Contact grant staff with questions and concerns.

Penalty points 'remain on the books' until deducted from the score of the Participant's next feasible grant application. Once applied to a new grant application, penalty points are deleted from the penalty points ledger.

E. RESPONSIBILITY AFTER PROJECT COMPLETION: OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND USE OF NATUREWORKS ASSISTED AREAS

1. Property acquired or developed with NatureWorks assistance shall be retained and used for public outdoor recreation purposes. Property acquired or developed shall not be wholly or partially converted to other than public recreation uses without the approval of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. If the Participant determines that a conversion of use or title is necessary, contact the Department (see pg. 1 for contact information).
2. A NatureWorks sign must be posted at the park main entrance or other appropriate on-site location, such as on or near the funded project. This gives public acknowledgment

of NatureWorks assistance at project sites, illustrating the state-local partnership. Participants can have signs made locally or purchase signs from the Department.

If an existing NatureWorks acknowledgment sign from an earlier grant project is already posted at the funded park, the Participant is not required to post an additional sign. A photograph of the existing sign should be submitted with the reimbursement request.

NatureWorks signs must not be smaller than 9 X 12 inches. The required colors for NatureWorks signs are: cardinal – red, cardinal’s beak – yellow, buckeyes – brown, buckeye leaves – green. The background should be black. Lettering color and method of sign construction may be determined by the Participant. Signs must be permanent.

The Department offers signs made of recycled plastic, measuring 13.5 X 15.5 inches. The price per sign is \$100.00 which includes shipping and handling and can be ordered by e-mailing timothy.robinson@dnr.ohio.gov. Please provide your project number, mailing address (no PO boxes), contact name and phone number. A sign will be sent to you, with an invoice, payable upon receipt.



3. Underground Utility Requirements. All utility lines installed after project approval must be placed underground. This requirement applies to all utilities including new or replacement electrical wiring installed on a fund-assisted site.
4. Accessibility to the Public:
Discrimination on the basis of residence, including preferential reservation or membership and annual permit systems is prohibited, except that reasonable differences in admission and fees may be maintained on the basis of residence.
5. Operation and Maintenance. Property acquired or developed with assistance from NatureWorks shall be operated and maintained as follows:
 - Retention and Use. The property shall be used for the intended purpose.
 - Appearance. The property shall be attractive and inviting to the public.
 - Maintenance. Upkeep and repair of structures and improvements shall be adequate.
 - Management. Staffing and servicing of facilities shall be adequate to assure public use and enjoyment of the area.
6. Audit Requirements. The Participant is responsible for being familiar with the Single Audit Act of 1984 and its requirements. Under these requirements, audited agencies must submit a copy of any single audit report to the Department.

F. DEED – NOTICE OF GRANT FUNDING

During the term of the tax-exempt state bond issue, source of NatureWorks funding, property acquired or developed with NatureWorks assistance must be retained and kept open for public outdoor recreation. This period of time, the COMPLIANCE PERIOD, will

extend for fifteen years from date of project closeout. During the COMPLIANCE PERIOD property acquired or developed with NatureWorks assistance shall not be converted from public recreation uses without the written approval of the Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Compliance may be assured via periodic site inspections. Unless a Notice of Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Funding (previously titled 'Notice of Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Agreement') has already been recorded for the same property, **the Participant must file a Notice of NatureWorks Grant Funding affidavit at their county recorder's office.** A copy of the Boundary Map (State – Local Grant Agreement Exhibit A) must be attached to the affidavit. See Appendix C, Notice of Grant Funding Example & Notice of NatureWorks Grant Funding Form.

Ohio Revised Code Section 1557.06 [Effective 9/14/2016] Local assistance grant program.

- (A) The parks and natural resources local assistance grant program is hereby established to provide grants to local government entities for capital improvements for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, expansion, improvement, planning, and equipping of capital projects that enhance the use and enjoyment of natural resources by individuals. Such projects include, but are not limited to, the acquisition of lands, facilities, and waters for public recreation, or for the preservation of wetlands or unique habitats; the development, construction, reconstruction, expansion, or rehabilitation of recreation areas and facilities; and projects to provide public park and recreation opportunities by improving public access or safety. Grants shall not be awarded for administrative, operating, or maintenance costs; or for areas, facilities, or structures for athletics, arts, historic sites, or other purposes, that are not used primarily for public recreation.

The director of natural resources shall administer the parks and natural resources local assistance grant program in accordance with procedures and criteria that the director shall develop with the approval of the recreation and resources council created in section 1501.04 of the Revised Code.

- (B) Grants awarded under this section may provide up to seventy-five per cent of the total project costs approved by the director. At least twenty per cent of such costs must be provided by the grant recipient from nonstate, nonfederal sources. Local government entities may apply for grants individually or jointly.
- (C) The criteria developed for the administration of the program shall require a local government entity receiving a grant for a project under this section to have sufficient real property interests in the project for the purposes of the obligations issued under this chapter, and shall require that the projects be retained and used in a manner consistent with the purposes of Section 21 of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution.
- (D) The director shall allocate to each county a portion of the proceeds of the first two hundred million dollars principal amount in obligations issued under this chapter, for projects of local government entities within each county. The director shall determine each county's allocation by calculating both of the following for each county:
- (1) Its per capita share of forty million dollars;
 - (2) Its per capita share of thirty million dollars plus one hundred thirteen thousand six hundred thirty-six dollars.

The larger of the amount calculated under division (D)(1) or (2) of this section for each county shall be that county's allocation, and whatever percentage of the first two hundred million dollars principal amount in obligations issued under this chapter that is necessary to satisfy the requirements of division (D) of this section, shall be so allocated.

- (E) The director shall allocate to each county a portion of twenty per cent of the proceeds in excess of the first two hundred million dollars principal amount in obligations issued under this chapter, for projects of local government entities within each county. The director shall determine each county's allocation by calculating both of the following and combining the amounts calculated for each county:
- (1) One-third of twenty per cent of the proceeds to be divided equally among all of the counties;
 - (2) Two-thirds of twenty per cent of the proceeds to be distributed on a per capita basis to each county.
- (F) Any moneys granted under division (E) of this section and not obligated within a county after two funding cycles, at the discretion of the director, shall be reallocated to projects either in the county to which they originally were allocated or in other counties demonstrating a need for the funds

SECTION 2: DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

A. PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS/BID PACKAGE

Competitively Bid Projects: Submit a copy of the complete bid package (plans/specifications) that will be made available to bidders prior to bid. The plans/specifications must be stamped and signed by a professional engineer, architect or landscape architect. There are exceptions; please contact the Department (see pg. 1) if you believe your situation may be an exception.

Project involving the purchase of items (e.g. playgrounds and pre-fabricated shelters) and not being competitively bid: We require a copy of the specifications and any associated drawings as soon as available.

Construction project (e.g. shelter, walkways, etc.) not being competitively bid: The Department requires a copy of the plans/specifications and any associated drawings as soon as available. If a professional engineer, architect or landscape architect did not prepare the plans/specifications, additional information may be requested. Bidding or construction should not begin prior to Department review and approval. Please allow up to 30 working days for review. Bid documents designed to be so restrictive to exclude open competitive bidding, bid documents that do not allow for "or equal" provisions, may not be acceptable.

Project plans must reflect the items in your grant. Items in such plans, but not in your grant, are not eligible for reimbursement. Once your plans and specifications are approved by the Department, they should not be substantially changed. (It is understandable some minor changes may be necessary.) The Department must be notified of any planned changes, and only changes having prior approval will be eligible for reimbursement.

Accessibility: When planning any development project the applicant must review the latest accessibility guidelines under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Architectural Barriers Act (ABA). Any development funded must adhere to these guidelines. The guidelines can be accessed here: <https://www.access-board.gov/>

B. BIDDING AND CONTRACTS

The participant is responsible for following all state and local procurement procedures, and must provide a Certificate of Compliance (Appendix B) to confirm compliance. If the project is bid, the award shall be made to the responsible bidder whose bid is responsive to the invitation and is most advantageous to the Participant, price and other factors considered. (Factors such as discounts, transportation costs, and taxes may be considered in determining the lowest and best bid).

Bonding and Insurance: The Project Sponsor shall follow its own requirements relating to bid guarantees, performance bonds, and payment bonds, and insurance. The Project Sponsor is legally responsible to complete the project, follow guidelines and rules as established by the State, comply with the terms of the project agreement, the provisions of this guide and all relevant laws, rules and regulations. The Department may issue instructions, interpretations or additional guidelines as necessary for effective program performance. Project assistance may be terminated in whole or in part at any time before or

within the project period if the Department determines that the Project Sponsor has failed to comply with the project agreement. The Project Sponsor will be promptly notified in writing of such findings and given reasons for this action.

Contract Selection Procedures: All procurement transactions, regardless of whether by sealed bid or by negotiation or without regard to dollar value, shall be conducted in a manner that provides maximum open and free competition consistent with state guidelines. Procurement procedures shall not restrict or eliminate competition. Written selection procedures must provide, at a minimum, the following:

- Incorporation of a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements for the material, product or service to be procured. Such description shall not, in competitive procurement, contain features that unduly restrict competition. The description may include a statement of the qualitative nature of the material, product, or service to be procured and when necessary shall set forth those minimum essential characteristics and standards to which it must conform if it is to satisfy its intended use. Detailed product specifications should be avoided if at all possible. When it is impractical or uneconomical to make a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements, a "brand name or equal" description may be used as a means to define the performance or other salient requirements of procurement. The specific features of the name brand which must be met shall be clearly stated. All requirements that must be fulfilled and all other factors to be used in evaluating bids or proposals shall be clearly stated.
- Contract awards shall be made only to responsible contractors that have the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of the proposed contract. Consideration shall be given to such matters as contractor integrity, compliance with public policy, record of past performance, and financial and technical resources.

Contract Provisions: The Participant shall include the following provisions in all contracts:

- Contractual conditions that allow for administrative or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms.
- All contracts in excess of \$25,000 shall contain suitable provisions for termination by the Participant, including the procedures and basis for settlement. In addition, the provisions shall describe conditions under which the contract may be terminated because of circumstances beyond the control of the contractor.
- All construction contracts shall include a provision for compliance with the Copeland Anti-Kick Back Act (18 U.S.C. 874) as supplemented in Department of Labor Regulations (29 CFR, Part 3). This Act provides that the contractor is prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he is otherwise entitled. The Participant shall report all suspected or reported violations to the Department.
- Contracts awarded by the Participant shall include a provision to the effect that the Department, the state auditor, or any of their duly authorized representatives, shall have access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the contractor for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions.

- Contracts in excess of \$100,000 shall contain a provision which requires the recipient to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act of 1970. Violations must be reported to the Department.

The appropriate forms and clauses needed to meet these contract provisions are included in the Appendices of this Procedural Guide. The bid packet must be inserted in the construction specifications before bidding a contract.

Wage Rates: Before advertising for bids, contracting or undertaking construction with its own forces to construct a public improvement, the Participant shall have the Ohio Department of Commerce - Division of Industrial Compliance - Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration determine the prevailing rates of wages for workers employed on the public improvement. More information is available here: <http://www.com.ohio.gov/dico/default.aspx>.

Change Orders: The Participant shall issue written change orders for all necessary contract changes. Any change that significantly alters the nature or purpose of the project must be approved by the Department. Include change orders in the project file, keep available for audit purposes.

Information to be Given to Bidders Concerning State of Ohio NatureWorks Funds: The Participant must inform bidders that State of Ohio NatureWorks funds are being used to assist construction and that relevant state requirements may apply. This information must be included in bid invitations or in notices released prior to the issuance of the bid invitations.

Acceptance of the Contract Work: The Participant has full responsibility for determining if the contracted work is satisfactorily completed.

Safety and Accident Prevention: In the performance of each project, the Participant must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws governing safety, health, and sanitation. The Participant is responsible for assuring that all safeguards, safety devices, and protective equipment are provided. The Participant will take all other reasonable actions necessary to protect the life and health of employees on the job and the safety of the public, and to protect property in connection with the performance of work on the project.

Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Compliance: State assisted construction projects are subject to Presidential Executive Order 11246, as amended, and the January 27, 1972 Equal Employment Opportunity Executive Order of the Governor of Ohio. Regulations set forth by the Ohio Department of Administrative Services will apply to each construction contract awarded under the NatureWorks Program. The Equal Employment Opportunity Bid Conditions for your NatureWorks project are included with this Procedural Guide and must be incorporated in the bid specifications.

Participants receiving complaints alleging contractor and/or subcontractor violation of the Governor's Executive Order shall promptly transmit such complaints to the Office of Real Estate.

Sanctions: In the event the Participant fails or refuses to comply with these requirements, the Participant is subject to sanctions such as:

- cancellation, termination, or suspension in whole or in part of the grant amount.

- refraining from extending any further assistance to the Participant until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received.
- referring the case to the Attorney General for appropriate legal action.

C. **PERMITS:**

All permits needed for the completion of the project must be secured by the local agency. This requirement may include any one, or more, of the permits listed below as well as permits for land easements, utility lines and services, and rights-of-way for construction, operations, maintenance, etc.

- * **U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Section 404/Section 10 Permits**
Any project involving construction or fill activities adjacent to or within the waters of Lake Erie, as well as any alterations to wetland areas, may require the approval of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. Included in this requirement are such activities as construction of piers, boathouses, and catwalks.
- * **Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Water Quality Certification**
As required by Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, the Ohio Environmental Act, the Ohio Environmental Protection agency must certify that any in-water deposition of dredged or fill material meets Ohio water quality standards.
- * **Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Submerged Land Lease**
The State of Ohio owns the lands submerged under the waters of Lake Erie and Sandusky Bay within the state boundaries. Before any construction or improvements can occur on submerged lands, a lease must be obtained from the ODNR Office of Coastal Management, Sandusky, Ohio. <http://coastal.ohiodnr.gov/>
- * **Ohio Department of Natural Resources/Shore Erosion Protection Permit**
A permit must be obtained from the ODNR Office of Coastal Management Sandusky, Ohio <http://coastal.ohiodnr.gov/> prior to the construction or installation of any erosion protection structure on or along the shoreline of Lake Erie in Ohio

D. **DONATION AND FORCE ACCOUNT LABOR/SERVICES**

Up to 100% of the value of donated labor/services/materials and force account labor/equipment usage can be used towards the required 25% match for NatureWorks grants. For example:

EXAMPLE ONE: Total project cost: \$100,000 NatureWorks award amount: \$75,000

Total expenditures invoiced w/ receipts & proof of payment	\$75,000
Total <i>correctly documented</i> force account labor, donated materials & force account equipment usage	<u>\$25,000</u>
Total of expenditures, force account force account labor, donated materials & force account equipment usage	\$100,000
	\$100,000 x 75% =
NatureWorks Grant Program Reimbursement:	\$75,000

It is essential that Participants who utilize donated and force account labor/services obtain and maintain proper documentation. Donated labor/services are classified as skilled and unskilled labor. Skilled labor/services would include plumbers, carpenters, engineers, etc. **The Department reserves the right to request additional documentation, reduce or deny donated and/or force account labor/equipment usage when task hours appear excessive.**

Donated Labor/Services (Skilled): Skilled labor may be valued at the worker's current rate of pay. In order for this pay rate to be used, Participants are required to provide names, documentation of the worker's current rate of pay, hours worked and a description of work completed. Work by skilled labor that is not their usual work skill will be valued at the unskilled labor rate. **Overtime pay is not allowed.**

Donated Labor/Services (Unskilled): Unskilled labor is valued at \$15.00 per hour. Unskilled labor will only be accepted for work provided by individuals age 18 and over. (We encourage contributions of volunteers of any age.) Participants will be required to provide names, hours worked and a description of the work performed. **Overtime pay is not allowed.**

Force Account Labor/Services: Participants can utilize labor/services from their staff at their current rate of pay. **Fringe rates cannot be included in the rate of pay.** Participants will be required to provide names, official documentation of the rate of pay of the individuals, hours worked and a description of the work performed. Participants must clearly identify time spent on the NatureWorks project by each staff member on timesheets or equivalent. **Overtime pay is not allowed.**

E. DONATED REAL PROPERTY, MATERIALS & DONATED/ FORCE ACCOUNT EQUIPMENT

The Participant SHOULD NOT CLOSE on a property until written approval has been received from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Donated Real Property: Donated property can be used towards the applicant's match. In order for donated property to be eligible for credit, the Participant must provide the Department with a USPAP Appraisal of the property, completed by a Department approved appraiser. (Exceptions to the USPAP requirement may be granted upon request for properties valued under \$10,000, or \$25,000 with seller approval.) The appraisal will be reviewed and approved by the Department. The Department maintains a list of approved appraisers. If a desired appraiser is not on the list, he or she may submit a request to be approved to the ODNR Office of Real Estate.

A recorded Deed including Notice of Limitation of Use, a Waiver of Just Compensation and a Certification of Title (or Title Insurance) are required for donated property.

Closing costs and associated legal fees for donated property are not eligible expenses.

Donated Materials: Donated material values must be documented, reasonable, and must not exceed current market prices at the time they are accepted by the Participant. **Eligible materials must be new.** Examples of **eligible** items include: gravel, mulch, lumber and plumbing fixtures. Examples of **ineligible** items include: hand tools, consumable

supplies and any materials from the applicant's existing inventory (the Participant cannot donate to itself).

Donated and/or Force Account Equipment Use: Eligible equipment will be valued on an hourly, daily, weekly or monthly rate. If the donation is being provided by a vendor, the Participant is required to provide proper documentation of the usual rental rate. If equipment usage is force account use of Participant owned equipment, a rate must be determined. If the equipment is heavy duty, the Participant should review the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) equipment standard rates list. If the equipment is found on the list, the ODOT rate will be the one considered.

ODOT standard rates:

<https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odot/working/publications/equipment-rates>

Power tools and equipment may be required that are not considered heavy duty and are not listed on the ODOT equipment standard rates list. In this case, and in all cases when equipment is not on the ODOT list, the Participant must provide a rental rate from a local rental vendor for that type of equipment. If a rental rate cannot be obtained, the usage will not be considered for donation. **The Department reserves the right to request additional documentation, reduce or deny donated and/or force account equipment use for which a rate cannot be documented.**

ACCOUNTING AND REQUEST(S) FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REIMBURSEMENT

Responsibilities of Participant:

- Implement accounting procedures to assure proper disbursement and accounting of project expenditures. The accounting procedures must be based on generally accepted accounting standards and principles and must meet the following requirements:
- Establish separate accounts and support documents for each project. Each account shall be identified by the NatureWorks number assigned to the project.
- Identify all receipts in sufficient detail to show the source of each receipt.
- Itemize all support documents for project expenditures in detail and show the exact nature of each expenditure. Do not list any items as "miscellaneous".
- Maintain adequate records to show that all expenditures charged against the project were authorized by the Participant.
- Assure that all invoices and checks have the project number, account number and date.
- Follow requirement for proof of payment. See page 25.

SECTION 3: NatureWorks ACQUISITION PROJECTS

Uniform Relocation and Acquisition: All acquisitions made with NatureWorks assistance must be completed in accordance with the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code Section 163 and Public Law 91-646, the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, which requires in part:

- You must offer the landowner just compensation for the property being acquired as determined by an ODNR-approved appraisal.
- You must provide all displaced persons, whether landowner or tenant, with appropriate relocation assistance.

APPRAISAL PROCESS: Property to be acquired must be appraised by the Participant. The Participant is required to submit one independent appraisal to the Department. The appraisal must be prepared by a general appraiser whose qualifications have been reviewed and approved by the Department prior to conducting the appraisal. The appraisal report must name the State of Ohio as an Intended User, and *for substantiation of real estate value in support of an application for grant funding* must be an Intended Use of the appraisal report.

The fair market value established by the state-approved appraisal is the amount of just compensation the Participant is required by law to offer the owner for the land to be acquired. Every appraisal must include a statement that the landowner has been offered the opportunity to accompany the appraiser during inspection of the property.

A complete USPAP appraisal must be completed by a Department approved general appraiser and submitted to the Department. (Exceptions to the USPAP requirement may be granted upon request for properties valued under \$10,000, or \$25,000 with seller approval.) The appraisal will be reviewed and approved the Department. Allow time in your schedule for this review. The Department maintains a list of approved appraisers. If a desired appraiser is not on the list, they may submit a request to be approved to the ODNR Office of Real Estate.

IMPORTANT: The Participant should not proceed to acquire a property until written authorization to do so is received from the Department

STATEMENT OF JUST COMPENSATION: Upon notification from the Department that the appraisal is approved, the Participant must provide the landowner with a Statement of Just Compensation, and the required information for landowners and tenants about benefits under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646). See page 15 for the Statement of Just Compensation form and required attachment. A copy of the Statement of Just Compensation WITH ORIGINAL SIGNATURE must be returned to the Department at the time of reimbursement request, at the latest.

NEGOTIATIONS: Negotiations must be initiated by offering the approved appraised value in a Statement of Just Compensation. The purchase price must be negotiated and the property acquired within twelve months of the effective date of the appraisal or an update of the appraisal will be needed. If negotiations or the actual purchase occurred prior to state approval, the Participant may not be eligible for reimbursement.

Even if negotiations occurred prior to an approved appraised value, the Participant is required by law to offer the appraised value to the seller, and pay that amount upon acceptance by the seller.

WAIVER OF JUST COMPENSATION: After the Department has approved the appraisal, the landowner must be provided with a Statement of Just Compensation and the required information for landowners and tenants about benefits under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1980 (P.L. 91-646). A copy of the Statement of Just Compensation WITH ORIGINAL SIGNATURE must be returned to the Department at the time of reimbursement request, at the latest.

If the seller chooses to accept less than the amount offered in the Statement of Just Compensation, he/she must sign a Waiver of Just Compensation (see page 20), explaining reasons for accepting less.

CONDEMNATION: Condemnation should not be advanced or delayed in order to prompt an agreement on price. If an agreement does not appear possible after a reasonable period of negotiation, the Participant may, if authorized by law, institute condemnation proceedings.

DEED LIMITATION OF USE: Property acquired with NatureWorks assistance shall be retained and used for public outdoor recreation. Under no circumstances can property so acquired (or developed) be converted from public outdoor recreation use without the approval of the Director of the Department of Natural Resources.

Therefore, the Notice of NatureWorks Grant Funding must become part of the new deed, recorded in the county courthouse. A copy of the final NatureWorks Boundary Map (**Exhibit A**) must accompany the Notice of NatureWorks Grant Funding. Provide this recorded deed to the ODNR Office of Real Estate prior to reimbursement.

NOTICE OF NATUREWORKS GRANT FUNDING

The property identified below and in Exhibit A has been acquired with NatureWorks state grant assistance and must be operated and maintained solely for public recreation or natural resource conservation purposes throughout the Term of the Bond. During such time The Property, or any part thereof, cannot be converted in use or title without the written approval of the Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

TRANSFER TITLE AND RECORD DEED

Title Rights, Documentation or Price Paid and of Title

Provide supply satisfactory evidence of purchase price and of the character and nature of the title to the ODNR Office of Real Estate. A written Certification of Title by Participant's legal counsel can satisfy evidence of title, or title insurance, or a copy of the deed. Exact property boundary lines must be established. A survey may be required when there is reasonable doubt about the size or exact location of the boundaries of the land being acquired.

Acquisition of Interests in Real Property

Acquisition of easements, rights-of-way, etc., will be viewed in the same light as full takings. Documentation of value by appraisal will be the same. The Participants should adequately explain why lesser property interests are to be acquired.

Record Retention

All documentation supporting the acquisition of land and water, or interests therein must be kept readily available for examination by duly authorized representatives of the Department. All such records must be retained for a period of three years after final reimbursement by the State.

ACCOUNTING AND REQUEST(S) FOR LAND ACQUISITION REIMBURSEMENT

Responsibilities of Participant:

- Implement accounting procedures to assure proper disbursement and accounting of project expenditures. The accounting procedures must be based on generally accepted accounting standards and principles and must meet the following requirements:
- Establish separate accounts and support documents for each project. Each account shall be identified by the NatureWorks number assigned to the project.
- Identify all receipts in sufficient detail to show the source of each receipt.
- Itemize all support documents for project expenditures in detail and show the exact nature of each expenditure. Do not list any items as "miscellaneous".
- Maintain adequate records to show that all expenditures charged against the project were authorized by the Participant.
- Assure that all invoices and checks have the project number, account number and date.
- Follow requirement for proof of payment. See page 25.

Acquisition APPENDIX A

OFFER

STATEMENT OF JUST COMPENSATION

PROJECT: _____

OWNER: _____

TRACT
NO. _____

Dear _____:

This is to confirm my discussion with you concerning your property and to indicate my willingness to further discuss the acquisition of your property at your convenience.

As indicated, the _____ has had an appraisal made of your property. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources has reviewed and approved the appraisal and in compliance with Section 301 of the Act of Congress of January 2, 1971, Public Law 91-646, and Ohio Revised Code Section 163.51 and 163.62, you are hereby advised that just compensation for fee interest in your property is:

Land	= \$	_____
Improvements	= \$	_____
Damages	= \$	_____
TOTAL	= \$	_____

This amount is an estimate of fair market value, which is not less than the state-approved appraisal. The estimate of fair market value of the real property is based on acceptable standard appraisal practices and procedures, which considered the highest and best use of the property, current land sales of similar properties in the vicinity, and other indicators of land value as follows:

(Income, Market, or Cost Approach)

Also considered were possible damages to any real property owned by you and not included in the above description.

The state-approved value encompasses all property values within the described premises, including any and all buildings and other improvements, except as specifically stated under EXCEPTIONS, below.

Any decrease or increase in the fair market value of real property prior to the date of valuation caused by the public improvement on the project for which the property is being acquired, or by the likelihood that the property would be acquired for such improvement or project, other than that due to physical deterioration within the reasonable control of the owner, has been disregarded by the appraiser making his determination of just compensation for the property.

County _____

Township _____

Section _____
(If Applicable)

Range _____
(If Applicable)

Municipality _____
(If Applicable)

EXCEPTIONS:

Date

Signature

Title

I (We) have been furnished with information for property owners and tenants concerning relocation rights and benefits as required under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-646).

Received:

Date

Signature of Property Owner(s)

IMPORTANT - SIGNATURES ON THIS FORM DO NOT CONSTITUTE ACCEPTANCE OF THIS OFFER TO BUY ON THE PART OF THE LANDOWNER.

ATTACHMENT TO STATEMENT OF JUST COMPENSATION

Information for Landowners and Tenants About Benefits under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 - Public Law 91-646

The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 provide for certain benefits and payments to displaced persons (landowners and tenants) which result from the sale of land to a government agency (federal, state, or local). A person is considered displaced when (a) a person, partnership, corporation or association on or after January 2, 1971, moves from real property as a result of the acquisition of such real property, in whole or in part; or (b) they are in receipt of a written order from the acquiring agency to vacate real property for a program or project receiving federal financial assistance. The law provides for benefits and payments for which you may be eligible in the following areas:

1. Reimbursement of moving and related expenses or certain substitute payments.
2. Replacement housing allowance under certain conditions.
3. Relocation assistance services to help locate replacement housing, farms, or business properties.
4. Reimbursement of certain expenses incurred in selling real property to a government agency.

These payments and benefits are discussed in greater detail in the following paragraphs.

1. Reimbursement of Moving and Related Expenses

Displaced landowners and tenants are eligible for reimbursement of actual expenses incurred in moving themselves, their families, and their personal property from land acquired for federal or federally assisted programs. When a commercial mover is used, the reimbursement will be the amount charged. If the actual expenses are to be claimed, accurate records must be kept and bills and receipts obtained to support an application for reimbursement of expenses. Reimbursement for actual moving expenses shall not exceed the estimate or amount charged by a commercial mover.

In addition to moving expenses, actual direct losses of tangible personal property as a result of moving or discontinuing a business or farm operation may be reimbursable, but may not exceed the cost of moving such property.

Landowners or tenants displaced from a business or farm operation are eligible for an additional payment not to exceed \$500 for expenses incurred in searching within a 50-mile radius for a replacement business or farm.

Should an owner or tenant displaced from a dwelling prefer, he might accept substitute payment of \$200 plus an allowance of up to \$300 (based on the size of the dwelling moved from) instead of actual moving expenses.

Should a displaced person from a business or farm operation prefer, he may accept a substitute payment instead of actual costs of moving and searching for relocation property. The Costs are not to be less than \$2,500 or more than \$10,000 (based on the actual net income before income taxes). To qualify as a farm operation, the farm must contribute, or be capable of contributing, at least one-third of the operator's support. To qualify as a business, it must be shown that (a) it cannot be relocated without a substantial loss of its existing patronage; and (b) it is not a part of a commercial enterprise having at least one other establishment not being acquired by the governmental agency.

2. Replacement Housing Allowance.

In addition to reimbursement of moving expenses, owners or tenants actually occupying dwellings on the property acquired by a government agency under a federal or federally assisted program may be eligible for payment to help them purchase or rent a decent, safe, and sanitary replacement dwelling. This payment may be in the form of (a) a differential payment; (b) a rent supplement; or (c) a down payment allowance.

- a. Differential Payment. A payment which, when added to the purchase price of the dwelling acquired by the governmental agency, would enable the owner/occupant to acquire a decent, safe, and sanitary dwelling in the same general area from which he was displaced. The maximum amount that can be allowed for a replacement dwelling shall in no case exceed \$15,000. To qualify for this payment, an owner/occupant must have occupied the dwelling for not less than 180 days prior to the initiation of negotiations by the governmental agency (i.e.: 180 days from the date the first monetary offer was made).
- b. Rent Supplement. The amount necessary, when added to the actual rent or fair cash rental, whichever is greater, which will enable a displaced tenant or owner/occupant to rent a decent, safe, and sanitary dwelling for a period not to exceed four years; but in no case shall the total amount of such payment exceed \$4,000. The governmental agency will determine the maximum amount necessary to rent a replacement dwelling. Total payments in excess of \$500 will be made in four equal annual installments. To qualify for this payment, a tenant or owner must have occupied the dwelling acquired by the governmental agency for not less than 90 days prior to the initiation of negotiations. An owner/occupant of more than 180 days prior to the initiation of negotiations may elect to receive this payment instead of the initiation of the differential payment, but not to exceed the amount he would have received as a differential payment.
- c. Down Payment. The amount necessary to make a down payment or purchase, including closing costs, on a decent, safe, and sanitary dwelling but not to exceed

\$4,000. However, the displaced tenant must match any amount over \$2,000 on an equal basis. The amount required for a down payment cannot exceed the minimum needed in the area for a conventional loan plus closing costs. The same occupancy qualifications apply for a down payment as for a rent supplement,

3. Relocation Assistance.

The government agency (federal, state, or local) will, to the greatest extent possible, assist displaced landowners and tenants in locating and becoming established in decent, safe, and sanitary replacement housing and in locating replacement farm and business properties. It will also provide assistance in completing applications for moving and other expenses and payments authorized by Public Law 91-646. Should you have questions, the governmental agency (federal, state, or local) negotiator will be glad to discuss them with you, or you may write to the government office in charge of federal or federally assisted programs.

The government agency (federal, state, or local) will, upon request, provide any lending institution, or other interested party, a statement of expenses and allowances for which you, as a displaced owner or tenant, are eligible under Public Law 91-646.

4. Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred in Selling Real Property to a Governmental Agency.

Landowners are eligible for reimbursement of certain expenses incurred by them in conveying title to real property to the government. The expenses eligible are:

- a. Recording fees, transfer taxes, revenue stamps, and notary fees.
- b. Penalty costs for pre-payment of pre-existing recorded mortgages as may be required to convey a clear title to the government agency.
- c. The pro rate portion of real property taxes that would apply to the period after the date title vests in the government, or the effective date of possession by the government, whichever is earlier.

It is the obligation of the landowner to pay these expenses initially and then claim reimbursement from the agency purchasing the land. The agency will then be eligible for federal reimbursement as an allowable expense of the project.

Acquisition APPENDIX B

WAIVER OF JUST COMPENSATION

PROJECT: _____

OWNER: _____

TRACT NO.: _____

I/We, _____, have been informed of all of my/our rights and benefits under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Properties Acquisition Policy Act of 1970 and have been provided with a Statement of Just Compensation and a written offer to purchase for the appraised value of \$_____. Of my/our choice, I/We have elected to accept an amount less than the approved appraisal of fair market value for the following reason:

Signature of Property Owner(s)

Date

IMPORTANT - An explanation for accepting less than fair market value must be provided.

Acquisition APPENDIX C

BILLING CHECKLIST

	Required Documents with Reimbursement Request	Refer to
	Certification of Title or Title Insurance	
	Court award concerning land value, <i>if applicable</i>	
	Executed HUD Statement or Purchase Agreement with Proof of Payment	Proof of payment: Pg. 25
	Final <i>revised</i> Boundary Map, <i>if applicable</i>	
	Option to Purchase, <i>if applicable</i>	
	Performance Report for acquisition of land	Pgs. 22-23
	Photograph of the NatureWorks sign installed at the acquired property.	Pg. 4
	Several photographs of the acquired property.	
	Recorded Deed with Notice of NatureWorks Grant Funding Language	Pg. 13
	Statement of Just Compensation or Waiver of Just Compensation	Pgs. 15-20
	Certificate of Compliance For projects awarded in, or after, NatureWorks round 25 (2018). Not sure? Contact ODNR grants staff (see page one).	Pgs. 28-29
	Certificate of Authority For projects awarded in NatureWorks rounds 22, 23, 24 (2015, 2016, 2017). Not sure? Contact ODNR grants staff (see page one).	Pgs. 47-48

REIMBURSEMENT IS BASED ON THE APPRAISED VALUE OF THE LAND, OR THE AMOUNT PAID, WHICHEVER IS LESS. REIMBURSEMENTS CAN NEVER EXCEED THE GRANT AMOUNT.

If the project involves acquisition of residentially occupied structures, an operating farm or business, or if the project site has any improvements on it, call the ODNR Office of Real Estate, additional requirements may apply. Each acquisition is unique; therefore, you must provide detailed information on the existing use of developed property that is to be acquired.

Acquisition APPENDIX D

INSTRUCTIONS for PERFORMANCE REPORT for LAND ACQUISITION

1. Each parcel acquired should be listed individually.
2. The following details must be listed for each parcel: approved appraised amount, amount paid, number of acres, and total associated relocation expenses (if applicable).
3. A summary of any relocation expenses should be listed below parcels acquired.
4. If there are additional parcels to be acquired with the NatureWorks grant, the status of the pending acquisition(s) should be included.
5. The totals of the appraised value of the parcels purchased, relocation benefits (if applicable), and relocation contract (if applicable) must be listed.

Your Agency Letterhead

Acquisition APPENDIX D

PERFORMANCE REPORT for LAND ACQUISITION EXAMPLE

PERFORMANCE REPORT NO. 1

Participant's Name

NatureWorks Invoice: *for example:* FRAN-099 - 1
(Your project number - reimbursement request number)

"Sunny Park"

<u>PARCEL</u>	<u>APPRAISED VALUE</u>	<u>AMOUNT PAID</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>RELOCATION</u>
1	\$10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	8	\$ 4,000.00
2	<u>23,500.00</u>	<u>23,500.00</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>
	\$ 33,500.00	\$ 33,500.00	11	\$ 19,500.00

One tenant and one family were relocated. See attached relocation reporting forms. No additional relocation is required for this project. Parcels 3 and 4 are being appraised and should be acquired within ten months.

\$33,500 = Appraised Value of Land; Basis for Reimbursement

\$19,500 = Relocation Benefits

\$ 1,000 = Relocation Services Contract

\$54,000 = TOTAL SPENT THROUGH BILLING #1

\$40,500 = AMOUNT OF 75% REIMBURSEMENT

As a duly authorized representative for the Participant, I hereby certify that the expenses represented and the accompanying documents are true and accurate. I also certify that all expenses represented have not been applied to any other grants and are applicable to only the NatureWorks grant.

Signature

Title

SECTION 4: PROJECT WORK, BILLING, AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR NON-ACQUISITION PROJECTS

The Participant is responsible for the financial management of an approved project.

The Participant shall implement accounting procedures to assure proper disbursement and accounting of project expenditures. The accounting procedures must be based on generally accepted accounting standards and principles and must meet the following requirements:

1. Establish separate accounts and support documents for each project. Each account shall be identified by the NatureWorks grant number (COUN - _ _ _) assigned to the project. The NatureWorks project grant number is located on the State/Local Project Agreement.
 2. Identify all receipts in sufficient detail to show the source of each receipt.
 3. Itemize all support documents for project expenditures in detail and show the exact nature of each expenditure. Do not list any items as "miscellaneous".
 4. Cross-reference each expenditure with a supporting purchase order, contract, bill, etc. An applicant can be reimbursed only if checks/payments and invoices match.
 5. Maintain adequate records to show that all expenditures charged against the project were authorized by the Participant.
 6. Invoices and checks should have the project number, account number, and date.
 7. Proof of payment with reimbursement request. See page 25 for acceptable proof of payment options.
 8. Costs of a project consultant (engineer, architect, etc.) may be eligible for grant assistance. Consultants should be paid by a negotiated contract amount. The "cost-plus-a-percentage" method of contracting must not be used.
 9. Consultant fees paid to any federal, state or Participant's employees are not eligible for reimbursement unless such payment is specifically agreed to by the Department.
- A. **Income Against a Project** Income against a project refers to money Participants receive during the project period as a result of some income-producing activity occurring on the project site. Rental of structures, sale of timber, oil, gas, or other minerals, are examples of income-producing activities. Any such revenue Participants receive during the project period must be accounted for and allocated in one of two ways:

Option 1: It must be added to your locally committed funds for the project and used to develop recreation facilities identified in your project proposal. If this option is selected, you must send us a proposal describing how the income will be used. The proposal is subject to approval by the Office of Real Estate.

Option 2: Income received from non-recreation uses must be deducted from the reimbursement basis. EXAMPLE: Participant has spent \$20,000, expecting to receive a 75% reimbursement (\$15,000). However, \$5,000 was received from the sale of timber on the project site. Therefore, the total expenditure of \$20,000 is reduced by \$5,000 to \$15,000. The NatureWorks reimbursement would then be \$11,250 (75% of \$15,000).

Income earned from entrance or user fees or concessions is not income against the project.

B. Obtaining Reimbursement

Reimbursement payments to Participants are made on an up-to 75% basis. Using the following protocols and forms the Participant must submit billings for purchased and installed items or contracted work.

Performance Reports: A protocol, not a form. Refer to APPENDIX D.

Discounts not taken, and taxes paid by a Participant will be deducted. Items not eligible for NatureWorks reimbursement include the purchase of power tools, extension cords, wheelbarrows, ladders and other portable items with usefulness beyond project completion.

C. Invoices and Proof of Payment

Submit invoices with your reimbursement request. Invoices must clearly identify vendor, the item/service, date the item/service was purchased/provided and purchase price. If the item or service description is vague the Participant is responsible for providing a better description of the item/service. If sales tax is included, cross out the tax and deduct; do not include tax in reimbursement request.

Submit proof of payment with reimbursement request. The following proof of payment options are acceptable:

- a. **Preferred method:** Copy bank statement - with sensitive information redacted - showing payment(s) to the vendor and payment postdate(s). If payments were made by check, the statement should include check number, postdate and check amount.
- b. Copies of Participant's cancelled checks, front and back. Check number, amount, and date must be legible on the back of the check. This information is often, but not always, printed by the bank. If it is not printed on the back of the check, please provide payment documentation as described in (a) above or (c) below.
- c. Government organization's accounting report showing check number, date, check amount and postdate.
- d. A purchase order is not an acceptable proof of payment.

Payments should match submitted invoices. If a payment includes additional items not related to the project, the amount applicable to the grant project must be clearly defined.

Reimbursement Processing Time

All items submitted for reimbursement must be correct, complete, well documented and within the limits of the awarded grant. If all forms and documents are acceptable, the Participant can usually expect reimbursement within 45 days. Contact the ODNR Office of Real Estate if you have questions.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A	PROGRESS REPORT
APPENDIX B	CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE (EXAMPLE and FORM) Only for projects awarded in, or after, NatureWorks round 25 (2018). Not sure? Contact ODNR grants staff (see page one).
APPENDIX C	NOTICE OF NATUREWORKS GRANT FUNDING (EXAMPLE and FORM)
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APPENDIX H	COVENANT B JANUARY 27, 1972 EXECUTIVE ORDER (For Construction Contracts)
APPENDIX I	CLEAN AIR ACT (For Contracts Exceeding \$100,000)
APPENDIX J	COPELAND ANTI-KICK BACK (For Construction Contracts) (Title 18, U.S.C., Section 874)
APPENDIX K	CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY (EXAMPLE and FORM) Only for projects awarded in NatureWorks rounds 22, 23 or 24 (2015, 2016, 2017). Not sure? Contact ODNR grants staff (see page one).

Appendix A



PROGRESS REPORT *for* OPEN NatureWorks GRANT PROJECTS

Participant: DATE OF REPORT:

PROJECT # PROJECT TITLE:

REPORTER / TITLE:

REPORTER TELEPHONE

REPORTER EMAIL:

STATUS OF PROJECT: Not Started 25% Done 50% Done 75% Done 100% Done Other

EXPLANATION:
Attach additional sheets if needed.

ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE: _____

Please submit a report by **March 15th & September 15th** for the duration of the open project period. Typed or neatly printed.

Mail to:

NatureWorks Progress Report
ODNR, Office of Real Estate
2045 Morse Rd. E2
Columbus, OH 43229

Or via email to: timothy.robinson@dnr.ohio.gov (Enter project number & 'progress report' in email subject line.)

Thank you for your cooperation!

Appendix B



CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE *
Explanation

NatureWorks Grant Program Project Number: FRAN-088

I, John Smith (name of local agency's officer), do hereby certify that I am the
Park Director (official title) of Anywhere Metroparks (name of local agency)
and that I am constituted with authority to make the make the following
representations on behalf of said entity and to sign this Certification on behalf of said agency. I represent
and warrant that Anywhere Metroparks (name of local agency) has fully complied
with all applicable laws in entering into the FRAN-088 (project number of
agreement with local agency) and has fully performed, and complied with, all obligations required
thereby.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have made and executed this Certification of Compliance this
15th day of October, 2020.

By: John Smith

*The Certificate of Compliance must be completed for all grant projects awarded in, or after, NatureWorks round 25 (2018). If the NatureWorks grant was awarded in NatureWorks rounds 22, 23 or 24 (2015, 2016, 2017), please use the Certificate of Authority (Appendix J) instead. Not sure? Contact ODNR grants staff (see page one).



CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

NatureWorks Grant Program Project Number: _____

I, _____, do hereby certify that I am the
_____ of _____

and that I am constituted with authority to make the make the following
representations on behalf of said entity and to sign this Certification on behalf of said agency. I represent
and warrant that _____ has fully complied
with all applicable laws in entering into the _____
and has fully performed, and complied with, all obligations required thereby.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have made and executed this Certification of Compliance this
_____ day of _____ 20__.

By: _____

Appendix C

NOTICE OF NatureWorks GRANT FUNDING
EXAMPLE

____ TROY TOWNSHIP ____ is the owner of a parcel of land located in __ TROY _____ Township, _____ ASHLAND ____ County, Ohio, more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made part hereof (the "Property"). The owner, _____ TROY TOWNSHIP _____, acquired the Property by a deed recorded in Vol. _____, Page _____ of the deed records of the Office of the _____ ASHLAND ____ County Recorder.

____ TROY TOWNSHIP _____ has received NatureWorks funds from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and applied these funds as a match for recreational development. The NatureWorks project number is __ ASHL-099 ____. A copy of the NatureWorks project agreement is kept in the _ TROY TOWNSHIP _ office at _____ 123 Main Street, TROY, OH 43000.

____ TROY TOWNSHIP ____ hereby agrees to be bound by the terms of the Grant Agreement as they relate to the Property, including the obligation that the Property identified in Exhibit A must be operated and maintained solely for public recreation or natural resource purposes throughout the Term of the Bond. The Property cannot be converted in use or title without the prior approval of the Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

This Notice shall be recorded by the owner in the Office of the __ ASHLAND ____ County Recorder* and shall be deemed incorporated by reference in any future deed of conveyance of or to the Property, or any part thereof.

In testimony whereof ____ JOHN DOE ____ has caused this Notice to be executed this __28th__ day of __JUNE__, 2020__.

Authorized Official

STATE OF OHIO

COUNTY _____, ss

Before me a notary public in and for said County and State personally appeared the above named authorized official, who acknowledge that he being there onto duly authorized, did sign the foregoing instrument, and that the same is his free act and deed.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at _____, Ohio, this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Notary
My Commission Expires:

This instrument was prepared by:

____ JOHN DOE _____
name
____ Troy Township Trustee _____
title

*Please note: After this document is completed, signed and notarized, it must be recorded with your County Recorder's Office. (See p. 4, Paragraph F for additional information)

NOTICE OF NatureWorks GRANT FUNDING

_____ is the owner of a parcel of land located in _____ Township, _____ County, Ohio, more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made part hereof (the "Property"). The owner, _____, acquired the Property by a deed recorded in Vol. ____, Page ____ of the deed records of the Office of the _____ County Recorder.

_____ has received NatureWorks funds from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and applied these funds as a match for recreational development. The NatureWorks project number is _____. The NatureWorks grant program was established in accordance to House Bill 790 in 1994 and continued with House Bill 215 in 1997. A copy of the NatureWorks project agreement is kept at the _____ office at _____.

_____ hereby agrees to be bound by the terms of the Grant Agreement as they relate to the Property, including the obligation that the Property identified in Exhibit A must be operated and maintained solely for public recreation or natural resource purposes throughout the Term of the Bond. The Property cannot be converted in use or title without the prior approval of the Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

This Notice shall be recorded by the owner in the Office of the _____ County Recorder and shall be deemed incorporated by reference in any future deed of conveyance of or to the Property, or any part thereof.

In testimony whereof _____ has caused this Notice to be executed this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Authorized Official

STATE OF OHIO

COUNTY _____, ss

Before me a notary public in and for said County and State personally appeared the above named authorized official, who acknowledge that he being there onto duly authorized, did sign the foregoing instrument, and that the same is his free act and deed.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at _____, Ohio, this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Notary
My Commission Expires:

This instrument was prepared by:

name

title

APPENDIX D

PERFORMANCE REPORT INSTRUCTIONS

A. REQUIREMENTS

A Performance Report (see pages 33 - 34) on your agency letterhead must be submitted with each billing. All expenditures for which reimbursement is requested and a description of all work accomplished should be summarized. The certification on the bottom of the Performance Report is also required. *Reimbursement requests should be submitted as complete packages of information, and should not be submitted in a piecemeal fashion.*

B. INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF PERFORMANCE REPORT

Each Performance Report must identify each project item. Attach associated invoices and proof of payments together by project item (this is the backup packet). List completed project items and project items not yet completed or commenced. Include details like number purchased/constructed (ex: 100 linear feet of paved trail).

At the bottom, list total project expenses, total expenses currently claimed and the 75% reimbursement request. If there is not enough grant funding remaining to reimburse all 75%, the remaining grant balance should be listed.

A contractor's request for payment will not be accepted in lieu of a Performance Report. Items such as *overhead, profit* or *miscellaneous* cannot be reimbursed. Incomplete reimbursement requests will be returned to the Participant.

Reimbursements cannot exceed actual expenditures.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE FINAL PERFORMANCE REPORT:

1. Enclose a copy of the recorded Notice of NatureWorks Grant Funding (Appendix C) including Exhibit A (the Boundary Map), as recorded and filed with your county recorder. (In case of questions/concerns, please refer your County Recorder to ORC 317.114 & ORC 317.114 (C)(4).)
2. Enclose a completed CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE, if not already submitted.
3. Enclose an "as-built" site plan of the project area showing existing elements, completed grant funded elements and location of the NatureWorks sign.
4. Enclose pictures of the completed project and the NatureWorks sign. Digital pictures may be emailed to timothy.robinson@dnr.ohio.gov with project number in subject line.
5. Enclose copies of final building permits and inspections (if applicable).

Final reimbursement will not be made until these items have been received.

Your Agency Letterhead

APPENDIX D

PERFORMANCE REPORT EXAMPLE

PERFORMANCE REPORT NO. 1

Participant Name

NatureWorks Invoice: F R A N - 0 9 9 - 1

(Your project number - reimbursement request number)

"Sunny Park"

Report #1

The following facilities have been completed:

A.	One picnic shelter	\$ 35,000
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These grant funded items have not commenced at this time:

Playground
Paved trail

TOTAL REIMBURSEMENTS TO DATE	\$0
TOTAL PERFORMANCE REPORT #1 EXPENSES	\$35,000
REQUEST FOR 75% REIMBURSEMENT	\$26,250

As a duly authorized representative for the grantee, I hereby certify that the expenses represented and the accompanying documents are true and accurate. I also certify that all expenses represented have not been applied to any other grants and are applicable to only the NatureWorks grant.

Signed, Authorized Grantee Official

Title

Date: _____

Your Agency Letterhead

APPENDIX D

FINAL PERFORMANCE REPORT EXAMPLE

PERFORMANCE REPORT NO. 2 & FINAL

Participant Name

NatureWorks Invoice: F R A N - 0 9 9 - 2
(Your project number - reimbursement request number)

"Sunny Park"

	Report #2	TOTAL <u>PRIOR</u> TO Report #2
The following facilities have been completed:		
A. One picnic shelter	\$ 0	\$35,000
B. One accessible play system	\$ 9,700	\$ 0
C. Access path 200 linear feet	\$ 7,000	\$ 0
D. Dump Truck usage (force account)	\$ 300	
TOTAL SPENT <u>PRIOR</u> TO PERFORMANCE REPORT #2:		\$35,000
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENTS TO DATE:		\$26,250
TOTAL PERFORMANCE REPORT #2:	\$17,000	
75% REIMBURSEMENT	\$12,525	
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT THIS REQUEST:	\$12,750	
TOTAL NatureWorks GRANT AMOUNT:	\$ 39,000	
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENTS, INCLUDING THIS REQUEST:	\$ 39,000	

As a duly authorized representative for the grantee, I hereby certify that the expenses represented and the accompanying documents are true and accurate. I also certify that all expenses represented have not been applied to any other grants and are applicable to only the NatureWorks grant.

Signed, Authorized Grantee Official

Title

Date: _____

APPENDIX E

DONATED LABOR/SERVICES (SKILLED AND UNSKILLED) INSTRUCTIONS

Documentation of Skill and Pay Rate (Skilled Labor Only)

The following documentation should be provided with the individual's first timesheet and is only required once.

1. The donor must provide a letter on his or her employer's letterhead that lists the donor's name, title, and rate of pay.
2. If the donor is self-employed, the donor must provide his or her documented rate of pay for the type of work to be donated. If the donor is unemployed at the time, or retired, the donor must provide recent documentation of rate of pay for the type of work to be donated. Donors that do not regularly assign their cost of doing business on an hourly basis may submit a documented value of what the task regularly costs. The Department reserves the right to require additional information prior to approval.

Documentation of Hours and Work Performed (Skilled and Unskilled)

1. Donated Labor/Services Summary Form (Skilled and Unskilled) This summary form must accompany submitted timesheets (see item 2). The Participant must sign this document.
2. Donated Labor Timesheet is to be used as a timesheet for donating individuals, but not vendors. The Participant's authorized representative must co-sign the donor's timesheet.

Note: For many volunteers at a volunteer event or work day contact ODNR (see page 1) for an alternate sign in / sign out form.

Documentation Donation of Services from a Vendor

Donation of services from a vendor, for example an engineering firm, must be described by the vendor on their letterhead. The vendor must list the service(s) performed, the value of such service(s) based on their standard and usual charges for like service(s). The document should be signed and dated by the vendor; the title of the signer must be included.

APPENDIX F

FORCE ACCOUNT LABOR/SERVICES

A. Documentation of Pay Rate and Hours Worked

1. The Participant must provide a letter on letterhead listing all 'in-house' employees providing grant project services. Each employee's name, title and rate of pay must be listed. Documentation of the employee's usual rate of pay must be attached (please redact sensitive information). This documentation is only required once, with the first reimbursement request in which reimbursement or credit for force account work is requested.
2. The Participant is responsible for providing copies of timesheets for individuals for all days for which force account labor/services are claimed. Employee's timesheet should clearly differentiate between hours worked on the NatureWorks project vs. other non-grant related tasks.
3. The Participant may receive donated services from individuals that are not employees, but regularly provide services to the Participant (for example: the county engineer). The same documentation as listed above is required. The required letter on letterhead should be on the individual's employer's letterhead, and signed by that employer. (Use Appendix E forms for donated labor.)
4. The Participant must also complete and submit this summary form with reimbursement requests: Force Account Labor/Services Summary Form (Skilled and Unskilled).

APPENDIX G

MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT USE

DONATED MATERIALS or EQUIPMENT USE:

1. The Participant must provide a letter on letterhead or invoice from the donating vendor listing the items being donated, the number of items and the usual cost of each material. If equipment usage is being donated, the donating vendor's letter or invoice should list an exact description of the equipment, the number of hours or days donated, and the standard cost per hour or day for the equipment. Donated materials and equipment usage must come from a vendor that regularly sells the materials or rents the equipment and has assigned rates.
2. If the donating vendor is giving a "discount" off the regular price of the materials or equipment usage, a letter on letterhead or invoice must state the regular cost of the items or equipment usage and the discounted amount that is being charged to the Participant.
3. Letters of donation should not be submitted to the Department until the materials or equipment has been used in the NatureWorks project scope. For example: a donation of fencing should not be submitted as a donation until the fencing has been installed.
4. The Participant cannot donate materials to itself.

FORCE ACCOUNT EQUIPMENT USAGE:

1. Participants may claim force account usage of owned equipment. (Participants may NOT claim force account usage of owned materials.) If the equipment is heavy duty, the Participant must review the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) equipment standard rates list. If the equipment is found on the list, the ODOT rate will be the one considered. The ODOT standard rates list is located on the following website: <https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odot/working/publications/equipment-rates>
2. Many types of power tools and equipment are not "heavy duty" so are not listed on the ODOT equipment standard rates list. If such power tools and/or equipment time is claimed, the Participant must provide a rental rate from a local vendor for that same type of equipment, on the vendor's letterhead, brochure, advertisement, etc. If a rental rate cannot be obtained, the item will not be considered for donation. **The Department reserves the right to request additional documentation, reduce, or deny donated and/or force account equipment use for which a rate cannot be established.**
3. The Participant must submit Appendix G Force Account Equipment Summary Form and Equipment Use Log(s).

APPENDIX H

Insert in project bid document(s)

COVENANT B OF THE JANUARY 27, 1972
EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EXECUTIVE ORDER
OF THE GOVERNOR OF OHIO

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

1. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, or sex. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race color, religion, national origin, ancestry, or sex. Such action shall include, but is not limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; lay-off or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeships. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided, setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
2. The contractor will in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, or sex.
3. The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the State Administering Agency, advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's commitments under this covenant and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
4. The contractor will comply with all provisions of the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Public Works (DPW) Regulation on Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and with the implementing rules, regulations, and applicable orders of the State Equal Employment Opportunity Coordinator.
5. The contractor agrees he will fully cooperate with the State Administering Agency, the State Equal Employment Opportunity Coordinator, and with any other official or agency of the state or federal government that seeks to eliminate unlawful employment discrimination, and with all other state and federal efforts to assure equal employment practices under this contract. Said contractor shall comply promptly with all requests and directions from the State Administering Agency, the State Equal Employment Opportunity Coordinator, and any of the State of Ohio's officials and agencies in this regard, both before and during construction.

6. Full cooperation as expressed in clause 5 above, shall include, but not be listed to, being a witness and permitting employees to be witnesses and complainants in any proceeding involving questions or unlawful employment practices, furnishing all information and reports required by the DPW Regulation on EEO and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the State Equal Employment Opportunity Coordinator pursuant thereto, and permitting access to his books, records, and accounts by the State Administering Agency and the State Equal Employment Opportunity Coordinator for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
7. In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further state contracts or state assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in the DPW Regulations on EEO, and such other sanctions may be instituted and remedies invoked as provided in said Regulation or by rule, regulation, or order of the State Equal Employment Opportunity Coordinator, or as otherwise provided by law.

In the event this contract is terminated for a material breach of said Regulations, the contractor shall become liable for any and all damages as a result of said breach.

8. The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding Paragraph 1 and the provisions of Paragraphs 1 through 8 in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the State Equal Employment Opportunity Coordinator issued pursuant to Section 204 of the DPW Regulation on EEO, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the State Administering Agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, that in the event the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation with a subcontractor, vendor or other party as a result of such direction by the State Administering Agency, the contractor may request the State of Ohio to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the State.

NOTICE: THE CONTRACTOR MUST COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNORS EXECUTIVE ORDER 84-9, DATED FEBRUARY 15, 1984, WHICH REQUIRES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIFORM STATEWIDE GOALS FOR THE UTILIZATION OF WOMEN ON STATE AND STATE-ASSISTED CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS.

APPENDIX I

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CLEAN AIR ACT AND FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

The contractor agrees to comply with federal clean air and water standards during the performance of this contract and specifically agrees to do the following:

- a. The term "facility" means (a) any building, plant, installation, structure, mine, vessel or other floating craft, location or site of operations (b) owned, leased or supervised (c) by the contractor and subcontractor (d) for the construction, supply and service contracts entered into by the contractor;
- b. That any facility to be utilized in the accomplishment of this contract becomes listed on the EPA list, this contract may be canceled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part;
- c. That in the event a facility utilized in the accomplishment of this contract becomes listed on the EPA list, this contract may be canceled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part;
- d. That it will comply with all the requirements of Section 114 of the Air Act and Section 308 of the Water Act relating to inspection, monitoring, entry, reports, and information, as well as all other requirements specified in Section 114 and Section 308, respectively, and all regulations and guidelines issued thereunder;
- e. That it will promptly notify the government of the receipt of any notice from the Director, Office of Federal Activities, Environmental Protection Agency, indicating that any facility utilized or to be utilized in the accomplishment of this contract is under consideration for listing on the EPA List of Violating Facilities;
- f. That it will include the provisions of paragraphs "a" through "g" in every subcontract or purchase order entered into for the purpose of accomplishing this contract, unless otherwise exempted pursuant to the EPA regulations implementing the Air or Water Act (40 CFR, Part 15.5), so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor;
- g. That in the event that the contractor or the subcontractors for the construction, supply and service contracts entered into for the purpose of accomplishing this contract were exempted from complying with the above requirements under the provisions of 40 CFR, Part 15.5(a), the exemption shall be nullified should the facility give rise to a criminal conviction (See 40 CFR, part 15.20) during the accomplishment of this contract. Furthermore, with the nullification of the exemption, the above requirements shall be effective. The contractor shall notify the government, as soon as the contractor's or the subcontractors' facility is listed for having given rise to a criminal conviction noted in 40 CFR, Part 15.20.

APPENDIX J

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TITLE 18, U.S.C. , SECTION 874

KICKBACKS FROM PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES

Whoever, by force, intimidation, or threat of procuring dismissal from employment, or by any other manner whatsoever induces any person employed in the construction, prosecution, completion or repair of any public building, public work, or building or work financed in whole or in part by loans or grants from the United States, to give up any part of the compensation to which he is entitled under his contract of employment, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

APPENDIX K

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY *
Explanation

NatureWorks project number _____ - _____ (Grant project number, ex: FRAN-099)

I, _____ (name of attorney), do hereby certify that I am the principal
Legal officer of _____ (name of local agency) and that
the (name of local agency) _____ is a legally constituted public body
with full authority and legal capability to perform all obligations and terms of the
_____ (name of agreement with local agency) and that (name of local agency)
has fully complied with all applicable laws in entering into and performing all obligations
required by the _____ (name of agreement with local
agency).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have made and executed this Certificate of Authority this
_____ day of _____, 20__.

By: _____

Legal Counsel for _____

*The Certificate of Authority must be completed for all NatureWorks grant projects awarded in NatureWorks rounds 22, 23 or 24 (2015, 2016, 2017). If the NatureWorks grant was awarded in round 25 (2018) or after, please use the Certificate of Compliance (Appendix B) instead. Not sure? Contact ODNR grants staff (see page one).



CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

NatureWorks project number _____ - _____

I, _____, do hereby certify that I am the principal Legal officer of _____ and that the _____ is a legally constituted public body with full authority and legal capability to perform all obligations and terms of the _____ and that _____ has fully complied with all applicable laws in entering into and performing all obligations required by the _____.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have made and executed this Certificate of Authority this _____ day of _____, 20__.

By: _____

Legal Counsel for _____