Ohio Coastal Land Acquisition Funding Opportunity for the

Great Lakes Areas of Concern Land Acquisition Grant

Deadline:

Proposals must be received by the Ohio Coastal Management Program no later than 5 p.m. Monday January 14, 2013.

Funding Opportunity:

The Ohio Coastal Management Program (OCMP) is soliciting applications for land acquisition grants through the Great Lakes Areas of Concern Land Acquisition Grant program. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) developed this program to provide grant funding support for land acquisition projects that will contribute to the delisting of fish and wildlife habitat–related beneficial use impairments in Great Lakes Areas of Concern (AOC). The OCMP will forward the applications to NOAA, U.S. Department of Commerce for funding consideration.

Eligible projects must be located within a designated AOC or its associated watershed and must be endorsed by the associated Remedial Action Plan implementation group. This competition is developed to provide support for acquisition of fee simple interests in lands or conservation easements from willing sellers. Land must be held by a non-federal public entity (state, local or regional unit of government) and preserved in perpetuity for conservation purposes.

NOAA anticipates that $800,000 may be provided for this competition through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, contingent upon FY2013 Federal appropriations. Match is not required, however applicants are encouraged to provide a 1:1 non-federal match. Eligible projects range between $100,000 and $800,000.

How to Apply:

Proposals must follow the Application Template provided at www.ohiodnr.com/tabid/23157/default.aspx which is the Area of Conern Grants webpage.

To apply, submit one original-signed copy of the application and an electronic version of the application by the Ohio deadline of 5 p.m. Monday January 14, 2013. The electronic version may be sent on CD along with the hard copy, or emailed to yetty.alley@dnr.state.oh.us.

Funding Eligibility:

The following are expenses eligible for federal funding under this grant competition:

- Land/Conservation Easement Acquisition;
- Due Diligence costs such as appraisals, title work, Phase I EAs;
- Administrative Expenses and/or Initial Stewardship activities (up to 5 percent of the federal share).

Applicants should anticipate a start date of October 1, 2013. Grants will be for an 18-month period, extendable an additional 18 months if warranted. Land acquisition and due diligence expenses must be incurred during the award period (or up to 90 days prior to the start of the award). Administration and stewardship expenses must occur during the award period to be eligible for federal funding.

Mail or deliver the application to:

Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Office of Coastal Management
105 West Shoreline Drive
Sandusky, Ohio 44870

Learn more:

For additional information about the Ohio application process and to discuss potential projects, please contact Yetty Alley at yetty.alley@dnr.state.oh.us or 419.626.7980. Ohio's Areas of Concern are shown in detail on the Ohio Coastal Atlas Interactive Map Viewer *(go to Ohio's AOC Grant webpage and follow steps to view the AOC data layer).*

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