



**Ohio Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Watercraft  
RECREATIONAL HARBOR EVALUATION  
PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION PACKET**



**PURPOSE**

The Recreational Harbor Evaluation Program Grant provides up to 100% reimbursement assistance to eligible political subdivisions and state/federal agencies for dredging on the Ohio River, Lake Erie, and their tributaries.

**AVAILABILITY**

This application packet contains an application as well as instructions for applying. It is available electronically (MSWord or PDF) or in hard copy. Electronic files can be downloaded from the ODNR Watercraft Web site at [www.ohiodnr.com/watercraft/grant/](http://www.ohiodnr.com/watercraft/grant/). Contact Phil Miller (below) if you would like a hard copy mailed to you or if you want the electronic file sent via email or mailed on CD.

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**IMPORTANT CHANGES**

The following changes have been made to the application and grant process:

- Postmark deadline date is April 1. You must use the revised application included in this packet.

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## **Grant Requirements**

### **Introduction**

The Recreational Harbor Evaluation Program grant provides up to 100% reimbursement assistance to eligible political subdivisions (for example: municipalities, townships, counties, joint recreation districts, park districts, conservancy districts) and state/federal agencies for dredging that benefits recreational boaters. Grant recipients submit paid invoices for reimbursement.

Applications must be complete at the time of submittal to be considered for funding.

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### **Funding Source: Waterways Safety Fund**

The Waterways Safety Fund (WSF), deposited with the Treasurer of the State, is administered by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Watercraft. The WSF was created by the 101st General Assembly in 1955 (Ohio Revised Code 1547.75). The fund was established at that time to provide monies for the construction or improvement of public facilities for recreational boating on the navigable waters within the state (Ohio Revised Code 1547.72). The fund was also set up to enable the state to obtain federal matching funds for the establishment of harbors of refuge (Ohio Revised Code 1547.71).

The primary sources for the WSF are the State Motor Fuel Tax (Ohio Revised Code 5735.051, created in 1955) and fees collected by the Division of Watercraft for boat registrations and titles. Seven-eighths of one percent of the fuel tax is allocated to the WSF.

The WSF is administered by the Chief of the Division of Watercraft with the advice of the Waterways Safety Council and the approval of the Director of the Department of Natural

Resources. Under current law, the monies from the WSF are used to perform the following fundamental mission components:

1. Administer the Ohio Boating Safety Program
2. Administer the Watercraft Registration and Titling Program
3. Act as the Refuge and Small Boat Harbor Agency
4. Administer Aids to Navigation on Certain Waters
5. Administer Litter and Sanitation Program as it Pertains to Watercraft

### **Eligibility**

Political subdivisions, park districts, conservancy districts, and agencies of state government that border Lake Erie or the Ohio River are eligible for financial assistance to dredge public owned or controlled waterways. On connecting waterways to Lake Erie and the Ohio River, public agencies

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must own, lease, or have an easement on the submerged property to be dredged. Title to the submerged lands of Lake Erie is held by the State of Ohio in trust for all the people of the state thus the lands are public. Consequently, title, lease, or easement is not necessary for a political subdivision to apply for RHEP funds on submerged lands of Lake Erie.

The applying entity must be capable of financing the project. The applying entity must have funds available to pay invoices. **This is a reimbursement grant: Invoices are paid by the applying entity and then submitted to ODNR for reimbursement.**

All funded projects must be open and accessible to the general boating public. The percentage of users who benefit from the project who are private users determines what percentage of the total project cost must be provided by the agency.

Projects sponsored by private individuals, clubs, or associations on lands they control do not qualify for the grant program and will not be considered.

Dredging channels and waterways that exist primarily for **commercial** traffic are **not** eligible.

Federal, state, and local laws pertaining to non-discrimination in employment, area use, minimum wages, conflict of interest, and similar matters must be met at all times.

### Priorities

The application process for the RHEP grant for dredging projects is a competitive system. Project applications are awarded grant funds based on an objective scoring system, the number of qualified applications received, and the amount of funds available.

The following items are priorities for awarding RHEP funds for projects:

1. Applying agency must participate in a watershed plan that addresses sedimentation and erosion control in order to reduce the need for dredging in the future. This plan must have the endorsement of ODNR and Ohio EPA. If an agency's project does not fall in a watershed with a locally established watershed organization, the Agency must
  - a.) demonstrate efforts to promote establishment of and participation with such a group; and
  - b.) demonstrate that the Agency itself has developed a plan to implement all practicable measures necessary to reduce erosion, sedimentation, and the resulting need for future dredging.
2. RHEP funds are available for use on project areas that have been affected by the lowering of the long-term water level on Lake Erie. RHEP funds are not available for projects considered maintenance dredging. Maintenance dredging is defined as any area that requires dredging more frequently than every five (5) years. Projects that have been dredged within five years of application will not be considered.

Because of the limited funds available to assist with RHEP grants, project applications that have a greater percentage of local matching funds will be awarded more points. Projects that directly benefit public recreational boating access are given greater consideration than projects that benefit private recreational boating access.

### Estimating the Total Project Cost

**Estimates should be figured based on anticipated dredging costs ONE to TWO years from the date of the application. The grant award, once made, cannot be modified, and any increase in**

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**costs must be borne by the applying entity.** It is imprudent to submit low estimates in hopes of achieving a favorable response from ODNR. The cost estimate should clearly state the amount of ODNR participation that is requested. The cost of preparing, submitting, and administering an application is not eligible for reimbursement.

ODNR Division of Watercraft will provide up to 100% of the eligible costs (depending on the user groups who benefit from the project, as outlined below) on a reimbursement basis. The grant recipient will pay the invoices first and submit copies of paid invoices to the Division of Watercraft for reimbursement.

The cost of preparing and submitting an application is not eligible toward the total project cost. ODNR will only reimburse costs that are directly related to recreational boating, i.e. recreational channels and engineering costs.

The goal of the RHEP grant program is to provide improved access to recreational boaters who use Ohio's waterways. It is recognized that many communities and agencies have needs for improving boating access but have limited local funds for projects. Since this grant is to benefit the recreational boating public, projects that do not wholly benefit public boaters will only be considered when part of the project cost is provided by the applicant. The more private users who benefit from the project, the more money required from the applicant toward the total project cost. The requirements follow:

<b>PERCENT OF BOATERS WHO BENEFIT...</b>		<b>% OF TOTAL PROJECT COST REQUIRED FROM APPLICANT</b>
<b>Public Users</b>	<b>Private Users</b>	
25% or fewer	75% or more	50%
26% up to 50%	50% to 74%	25%
More than 50%	less than 50%	None required

**Qualification of the Project**

ODNR Division of Watercraft reviews applications and qualifies them in terms of completeness and priority rating. The application, site visit, and responses to questions from the Division of Watercraft provide the information needed to determine whether the project receives financial assistance. A completed application, post marked by the application deadline, is necessary before the project can be eligible for consideration.

Do not sign any agreements concerning any work on the project until written approval has been given by ODNR. Any contractual agreements prior to approval may result in that part of the project being ineligible for funding.

Once a project is approved for funding, all procedures and requirements of the Recreational Harbor Evaluation Program must be fulfilled. Costs, eligible expenses, fund accounting, and fiscal control are audited by the State continually throughout the project.

Regular site inspections by the State will be made to assure compliance with grant requirements.

**Site Visit**

Upon receipt of the application and all attachments, the Division may arrange with local officials to inspect the site of the proposed project to ascertain its general feasibility, site conditions, and the need of such project.

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**Notes**

The applicant must not award any contracts until after plans and specifications are approved by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Development projects require that contractors comply with the Governor's Executive Order of January 27, 1972. The applicant is obliged to cooperate with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in order to ensure that the contractors comply with Equal Employment Opportunity requirements. This includes all bid advertisements.



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## **Application Guidelines**

Please refer to the following guidelines when completing the grant application form.

If you have any questions, you may contact Phil Miller at the ODNR Division of Watercraft, 2045 Morse Rd. Bldg A-2, Columbus, OH 43229-6693; 614-265-6497; Fax: 614-267-8883; Email: [phil.miller@dnr.state.oh.us](mailto:phil.miller@dnr.state.oh.us).

### **Part I - PROJECT AREA INFORMATION**

**Project Area Name:** This should be the name of the project. *EXAMPLE: Erie River Dredge Project*

**County:** Provide the county where the project area is located.

**Body of Water:** List the body of water where the project is located.

**Project Description:** Provide a description of the elements of the project. *EXAMPLE: The project is to dredge 1000 yards of the Erie River starting at river mile 0.5 and ending at river mile 1.07. A channel will be dredged 80 ft wide by 1000 yards by 1 yard. The dredging will remove approximately 27,000 cubic yards of material. The material will be disposed of in an approved upland site located 5 miles inland.*

Project areas that qualify must be located wholly within the boundaries of the State of Ohio, must serve recreational boating traffic, and must be impacted by a long-term plan to reduce sedimentation through watershed erosion control.

### **Part II - APPLICANT INFORMATION**

**Cooperating Agency:** This is the agency that is requesting grant funds, has control/ownership of the land where the project will take place, and has authority to complete the project. Include address, phone/fax number, etc.

**Contact Person:** The agency's primary person who will coordinate the project with the Division of Watercraft. This person can call the division with questions and will be called upon to answer our questions.

Check the appropriate category for type of application.

### **Part III - LAND OWNERSHIP**

If your agency does not own or have control (lease or easement) over the land on which this project is being built, you are not eligible to receive a grant from the Waterways Safety Fund.

Any land ownership issues **MUST** be resolved **BEFORE** submitting the application. This is necessary to avoid having grant funds tied up for long periods while land ownership issues are being resolved. If a city wants to dredge a quarter-mile section of a river. To be eligible to receive the grant funds, the city must have control or ownership of the land to be dredged. There is a common misconception that the land under waterways is public. This is not necessarily true. The land must either be purchased,

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have a long-term lease (minimum 25 years), or an easement must be obtained prior to applying for a grant. If a lease is submitted, it can be written to be contingent upon receipt of the grant funds.

Check the appropriate ownership category and indicate if there are any other restrictions to the property. A copy of the ownership documents, whether it is a title, deed, lease, or easement, **MUST** accompany the application to be eligible for consideration.

**EXCEPTION:** The only exception to the above land control issue is if the project area is located on Lake Erie submerged lands. Contact the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Office of Coastal Management, 419-626-7980, to determine if your project is located on Lake Erie Submerged lands.

**Part IV - GRANT AMOUNT/PROJECT AREA COST**

The "TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT" is critical to avoid cost overruns and having bids come in over estimated costs. Be sure to estimate the dredging costs **ONE** to **TWO** years from the date of application. This amount must match the **GRAND TOTAL** from the project components in Section IX on page 5. Round total cost to the nearest dollar.

Indicate in the table for Grant Amount Requested, the maximum amount your agency is required to provide **OR** can provide as a match, up to 50%. Fill in one line only. You may choose the level at which you can provide matching funds based on your local funds available. Total Project Cost is the cost to dredge the project area that qualifies for funding by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

During the scoring phase of the applications, points awarded for funding will be different based on the amount of matching funds provided. However, for those projects that require a match, a commitment to a match must be included in the application. Where a match is not required, but provided, the more match provided, the more points awarded. Therefore applicants can improve the competitiveness of their application by providing the full 50% match. However, do not let this discourage you from applying for larger grant amounts. Apply for what you can afford and let the quality and need for the project speak for itself.

*EXAMPLE FOR FIGURING AMOUNT OF GRANT REQUESTED FOR A \$100,000 GRANT*

<b>If the match level is...</b>	<b>the Grant Amount Requested is...</b>	<b>and the Match Amount is...</b>
50% / 50%	\$100,000 x .50 = <b>\$50,000</b>	\$100,000 x .50 = <b>\$50,000</b>
75% / 25%	\$100,000 x .75 = <b>\$75,000</b>	\$100,000 x .25 = <b>\$25,000</b>
85% / 15%	\$100,000 x .85 = <b>\$85,000</b>	\$100,000 x .15 = <b>\$15,000</b>

**Part V - AGENCY FUNDING**

Check the appropriate line and provide a copy of the documentation with the application.

**Part VI - OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

Provide information to support your agency's ability to maintain the project area. Provide a narrative answering the relevant examples listed.

## **Part VII - PROJECT AREA INFORMATION**

Check the appropriate responses to this project. List boating facilities within a 5-mile radius of the project area.

## **Part VIII - PROJECT AREA JUSTIFICATION**

This is one of the more important sections as it gives you that chance to sell your project request. Answer the questions listed and include any additional information you feel would help justify the need for this project. *REMINDER: For 100% grant requests, spend extra time on this section and provide as much information as you can on your agency's budget/funding abilities.*

Support/Opposition: If there is known support or opposition to the project, please list the names of the individuals or organizations as appropriate. Attach of letters, results from surveys, etc.

## **Part IX - PROPOSED PROJECT COMPONENTS**

Complete all appropriate areas that apply to this project. Provide an estimated cost for each component of the project. The "Grand Total" must equal the total project cost listed in Section IV. Additional itemized sheets and/or engineer's estimates are recommended.

## **Part X - PREVIOUS GRANTS**

List any previous grants received from any division in the Department of Natural Resources, not just the Division of Watercraft, within the last 25 years.

## **Part XI - REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS**

Make sure all necessary documents listed are attached with your application.

## **APPLICANT SIGNATURE**

Print your name, agency, and title. Sign and date the application. Return TWO original sets of your application to the address listed. Applications will be valid only if post marked on or before April 1.



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**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 1.**

As used in this program, the term "Project Area" means the area that you are proposing to dredge with RHEP funds. It is the length, width, and depth of the material to be dredged.

**I. PROJECT AREA INFORMATION** *(Refer to Application Guidelines)*

Project Area Name:	County:	Body of Water
Project Area Description <i>(Attach separate sheet if needed giving a summary of scope of work to be performed):</i>		

**II. APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Cooperating Agency Name:		Phone:	Fax:
Mailing Address:		City:	Zip Code:
Contact Person:	E-mail:	Phone:	Fax:

<input type="checkbox"/> First Time Applicant	<input type="checkbox"/> Reconsideration
<input type="checkbox"/> Prior Grant Recipient	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased/Continuation: Phase _____ of _____

**III. LAND OWNERSHIP** *(Refer to Application Guidelines)*

<input type="checkbox"/> Own Property	<input type="checkbox"/> Lease Property: Number of Years Remaining in Lease _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Easement	<input type="checkbox"/> Project Area Located on Lake Erie Submerged Lands

**(Copy of ownership record must accompany application, e.g. title, deed, easement or current lease for the property.)**

Are there any restrictions to use of the property?  YES  NO

*(Deed Restrictions, Easements, Utility Right of Way, etc.)*

Explain:

**IV. GRANT AMOUNT /PROJECT AREA COST**

Total Estimated Cost of Project:

\$

Determine which percentage of Grant/Match amount the cooperating agency is able and willing to fund. **COMPLETE ONE LINE ONLY.** Attach a resolution or other forms documenting that the matching funds are available. *(Refer to Application Guidelines for more details.)*

The following levels of MATCHING funds can be provided by the cooperating agency:

GRANT AMOUNT REQUESTED		MATCH AMOUNT		TOTAL PROJECT COST
(100%)	\$	(0%)		\$
(95%)	\$	(5%)	\$	\$
(90%)	\$	(10%)	\$	\$
(85%)	\$	(15%)	\$	\$
(80%)	\$	(20%)	\$	\$
(75%)	\$	(25%)	\$	\$
(50%)	\$	(50%)	\$	\$

**V. AGENCY FUNDING**

If local matching funds are available, which of the following applies?

- Matching funds are budgeted by a specific line item (**Copy must accompany application**)
- An ordinance or resolution from the governing body has been signed obligating the necessary funds if the project is approved (**Copy must accompany application**)
- Other (Please explain):

**VI. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

Explain agency's ability to maintain the project area once complete (e.g. staffing level, maintenance plans, safety and security, and any historical evidence of maintaining and/or performing site inspections of similar or existing areas). Attach additional sheets titled "OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE."

**VII. PROJECT AREA INFORMATION**

Is the facility currently handicap accessible?

<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does Not Apply
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Will the project be open to all segments of the general public including minorities, elderly, and physically challenged?

<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
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Adjacent public and private boating facilities (ramps, marinas, dockage facilities, etc.) within 5-mile radius:

NAME	DISTANCE
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
7.	

**VIII. PROJECT AREA JUSTIFICATION**

1. Has the project area been dredged in the previous five (5) years?  
If yes, what year was your project area dredged? \_\_\_\_\_  YES  NO

2. Is this project partially funded by the Army Corp of Engineers or an appropriation from the Federal Government?  YES  NO

3. Does your agency participate in a state-approved Watershed Plan that includes actions to reduce the sedimentation in the project area? (**Attach copy of the plan**)  
If no, what action is your agency taking to reduce the sedimentation in the project area? (**Attach on separate sheet**)  YES  NO

4. What percentage of the vessels navigating the project area are commercial vessels? (i.e. vessels over 65 ft that primarily carry bulk products such as coal, limestone, grains, oil, iron ore, etc.)

%
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5. What percentage of the vessels navigating the project area are commercial ferry vessels or vessels under 65 ft. carrying bulk products?

%
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6. What percentage of the vessels navigating the project area are commercial fishing vessels that harvest fish by setting nets?

%
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7. What percentage of the vessels navigating the project area are charter vessels? (i.e. six-person for hire, walk-out fishing boats, etc.)

%
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8. What percentage of the vessels navigating the project area are recreational vessels?

%
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**Answers to questions 4 through 8 should equal 100%**

<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
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9. Is the project area or part of the project area to be dredged using RHEP funds part of an authorized federal channel originally constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers?  YES  NO
10. Is the project area to be dredged using RHEP funds totally outside the limits of an authorized federal channel?  YES  NO
11. Will the project area to be dredged using RHEP funds provide or improve access to an existing publicly owned boating facility?  YES  NO  
 What is the name of this publicly owned facility: \_\_\_\_\_

**Answers to questions 12 through 19 should be based on the previous full year's boating season.**

12. Mark each category of vessels prohibited from navigating the project area when the water level was normal during the previous boating season. Do not count times when water levels are low due to temporary high wind events. **Note: We may request data supporting your answers.**
- |                          |  |   |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Vessels drafting 1 ft or less; percentage of these vessels using project area  | % |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Vessels drafting 1 to 2 ft; percentage of these vessels using project area     | % |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Vessels drafting 2 to 3 ft; percentage of these vessels using project area     | % |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Vessels drafting 3 to 4 ft; percentage of these vessels using project area     | % |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Vessels drafting 4 to 5 ft; percentage of these vessels using project area     | % |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Vessels drafting over 5 ft; percentage of these vessels using the project area | % |

13. Number of recreational vessels docked previously in the area that no longer dock there because of the shallowness of the project area (estimate)
14. Number of recreational vessels that use the project area
15. Number of commercial vessels that use the project area
16. Number of recreational vessel docks that serve the project area
17. Number of commercial vessel docks that serve the project area
18. What is the average bottom elevation in feet above sea level\* over the project area?
19. Complete the table below using data from the previous full boating season: \*IGLD 1985

DATE	LAKE ERIE SURFACE LEVEL*	OTHER BODIES OF WATER (DEPTH)
April 1	feet above sea level	
May 1	feet above sea level	
June 1	feet above sea level	
July 1	feet above sea level	
August 1	feet above sea level	
September 1	feet above sea level	
October 1	feet above sea level	
November 1	feet above sea level	

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PLEASE LIST KNOW SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION TO THE PROJECT:  
(Adjacent landowners, user groups, legislators, other?)

<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>OPPOSITION</b>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
6.	6.
7.	7.
8.	8.

Add any additional information you feel appropriate to further justify the projects need and benefits on additional sheets titled "PROJECT JUSTIFICATION."

**IX. PROPOSED PROJECT COMPONENTS**

	<b>ESTIMATED COST</b>
1. Engineering	\$
2. Dredging mobilization to the Project Area:	\$
3. Removal Cost: Estimated cubic yards of material to be removed: _____ Cost per cubic yard: x \$ _____ =	\$
4. Dredging demobilization from the Project Area:	\$
5. Contingency:	\$
6. Other (Describe):	\$
7. Other (Describe):	\$
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

**Grand total MUST equal Total Estimated Cost of Project on page #2**

**X. PREVIOUS GRANTS**

List any grants awarded to your political subdivision by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in the previous 25 years.

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>PROJECT OR GRANT NAME</b>	<b>GRANT AMOUNT</b>
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$

**XI. REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS**

- COPY OF LAND OWNERSHIP DOCUMENTS (deed, lease, easement, etc.)
- Documentation from the agencies governing body that indicates agencies funding is available and obligated for this project if the application is approved.

- AREA MAP showing location of political subdivision within the State of Ohio.
- PROJECT AREA VICINITY MAP of the applying political subdivision illustrating the location of the proposed project within the political subdivision.

- SCHEMATIC SITE PLAN – A map or chart with the limits of the length and width of the project clearly marked out. We recommend an enlarged copy of a navigation chart or topographic map with the limits of the project area drawn out as accurately as possible.

**APPLICANT SIGNATURE**

Application is hereby made for the activities described herein. I certify that I am familiar with the information contained in the application, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, this information is true, complete, and accurate.

I and my spouse affirm that we have not made, as an individual, within the past calendar years, one or more contributions totaling in excess of \$1,000 to the Governor or his election committees, consistent with the restrictions of Section 3517.13 of the Revised Code.

I certify that the auditor of the state has not issued an unresolved finding for recovery against the agency that I represent, or myself.

Print/Type Name	Agency
Applicant Signature	Date
	Title

**RETURN TWO ORIGINAL COPIES OF APPLICATION AND ATTACHMENTS TO:**

Ohio Department of Natural Resources  
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2045 Morse Road Building A-2  
Columbus, Ohio 43229-6693  
Attn: Phil Miller

## APPENDIX A – RHEP Grant Scoring Sheet

Fiscal Year \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Scored: \_\_\_\_\_

Scored by: \_\_\_\_\_ Point Scored: \_\_\_\_\_

Scoring Criteria		
	PTS	SCORE
1. Required Match; Primary Benefits of Boating Access <i>Note: If criteria is scored "no" sponsor will not be awarded grant.</i>	Yes No	
2. Watershed Plan Participation:	0-15	
3. No Dredging within 5 years:	15	
4. Percentage of Match (only for projects that do not require a match, OR for projects that do require a match that is above the required percentage):	0-30	
5. U.S. Army Corp Project:	10	
6. Benefits to Recreational Boating:	0-15	
7. Publicly Owned Boating Access:	10	
8. Waterways with Greatest Need:	0-10	
9. Agency Commitment:	0-10	
10. Total	-115-115	

### Description of Criteria:

1. Required Match; based on primarily benefits of boating access. Within the project area: (i) Private boating access benefits are > than or = to 75%. A 50% match is required and committed to within application. <b>OR</b> (ii) Private boating access benefits are > than or = to 50% but < than 75%. A 25% match is required and committed within application. <b>OR</b> (iii) Private boating access benefits are < than 50%; No match is required and noted in application. <i>Note: If criteria is scored "no" sponsor will NOT be awarded grant.</i>	Yes  No
2. Show the Cooperating Agency participating in an endorsed Watershed Plan by ODNR and OEPA for rivers and streams entering Lake Erie. Projects areas not located in rivers or streams where Watershed Plans apply would get credit for any efforts to reduce sedimentation in the project area thus reducing the need for dredging.	0-15 pts.
3. Propose dredging areas that have not been dredged in the last 5 years.	15 pts
4. Provide local matching funds from the cooperating agency. Points are awarded equal to the local match percentage up to 25%. Match amounts over 25% receive 30 points. For projects where a match is required, points are awarded to projects that provide match amounts <i>above</i> the required percentage.	0-30 pts.
5. Request assistance in funding the local share requirements for authorized Army Corp Projects.	10 pts.
6. Primarily benefits recreational boating. Within the project area: (iv) No information; Recreational boating usage less than 25% ; All Commercial navigation more than 75%. (v) Recreational boating usage less than 50%; All Commercial navigation more than 50%. (vi) Recreational boating usage greater than 90%; Light Commercial less than 10%; Large Commercial no usage. (vii) Recreation boating usage 95 – 100%; Light Commercial usage less than 5%; Large Commercial no usage	0 pts. 1-5 pts. 5-10 pts 10-15 pts
7. Propose dredging waterways leading to publicly owned boating access facilities. To receive credit for this criteria recreational boating traffic benefiting from the dredging of the project area must be a major user of the publicly owned boating facility.	10 pts.
8. Propose dredging waterways with the greatest need. Within the project area the average depth: (i) Is less than 2 ft. (ii) Is 2 ft. but less than 3 ft. (iii) Is 3 ft. but less than 4 ft. (iv) Is 4 ft. but less than 5 ft. (v) Is 5 ft. but less than 6 ft. (vi) Is 6 ft. or above	10 pts 7 pts. 5 pts. 3 pts. 1 pt. 0 pts.
9. Demonstrate Cooperating Agency commitment to completing the project. (i) Line Item in Budget (ii) Resolution from governing body (iii) Other (i.e. statement of intent)	10 pts 7 pts. 5 pts.
10. Total Possible Points	115 pts