

LAEPP: 2014 Local Sponsor Scoring & Funding



Certified Local Sponsor Training -- January 8, 2014

Application for Local Sponsor Certification Measured:

○ Organizational Capacity:

- Staff
- Budget
- # and type of easements managed
- Mentor or Mentoring

○ Community Support for farmland preservation:

- Comprehensive plans
- Ag Security Areas
- Ag economic Development plan
- **Service Area Statistics:**
 - No previous AEPP
 - Average farm size
 - County Development pressure
 - Average farm value/acre

LAEPP Application Summary



17 applications received serving 46 counties

2 Counties (Fairfield and Madison)

3 Soil & Water Conservation Districts (Champaign, Lake and Licking)

12 Non-Profits:

Western Reserve Land Conservancy (19 counties)

Black Swamp Land Conservancy (4 counties)

Appalachia Ohio Alliance (4 counties)

Ohio Valley Conservation Coalition (4 counties)

Three Valley Conservation Trust (3 counties)

Tecumseh Land Trust (2 counties)

Killbuck Watershed Land Trust (2 counties)

West Central Ohio Land Conservancy (2 counties)

Clinton County Open Lands (1 county)

Owl Creek Conservancy/ Philander chase (1 county)

3 Logan County Land Trust (1 county)

Darke County Land Trust Alliance (1 county)



Local Sponsor Changes

- Southern Ohio Farmland Preservation Association:
did not reapply/ plate full
- Darke County Land Trust Alliance:
Applied several times under AEPP, and came close
Primary contact: Ted Finnarn, Greenville attorney

REGTIONAL INTEREST

Total of 46 counties represented by local sponsors

	Quad 1	Quad 2	Quad 3	Quad 4
Counties	15	10	12	9
Local Sponsors	3	6	7	4

Funding Formula Goals:

- Recognizes & rewards experience and capacity for managing easements
- Recognizes & rewards local support for farmland preservation
- Recognizes a minimum amount of funding is essential to operating an easement purchase program; provides base amount per sponsor
- Recognizes the cost of purchasing an easement on an average farm is different in different counties and compensates for difference*
- Leverages farmland preservation funding available through FRPP
- Allows new organizations to participate
- Distributes funds to all quadrants
- Grows the capacity of local farmland preservation organizations

Funding formula used in 2013

1. Created a base of \$75K per county served
2. Added \$25K for each additional county served up to 4 counties
3. Divided the remaining funds into three tiers: most experienced, middle and least experienced local sponsors
4. Each local sponsor received a portion of the funds in their tier based on:
 1. their application score (their experience, mentoring & local support)
 2. the average market value of farmland in the area they serve
 3. The average farm size in the area they serve

We are using the same formula for 2014 adjusted for \$6 M pie.

2014 Funding Formula = 2013 but BIGGER



1. Raises the base amount per county and increases by \$25 K for multiple counties:

Amount for one county based on average ODA contribution required to preserve one farm in one county (\$91,000). Base in 2013 was \$75,000.



1 county = \$91,000 base;

2 counties = \$116,000 base

3 counties = \$141,000 base;

4+ counties = \$166,000 base

\$91,000 for one county based on statewide average cost.

Local sponsors receive \$25,000 for each additional county as in 2013 pilot funding round.



Base Amount Total: \$1.972 million



2014 Funding Formula (continued)

2. Divides \$4.028 million remaining after base is applied using local sponsor's application scores, Average Market Value (per acre) x Average Farm Size (per county) x .25 (local match required by FRPP).

This formula recognizes organizational expertise and the difference in easement cost and farm size in different counties. It divides applicants into three tiers of expertise:

\$2,237,777 to top applicants;

\$1,342,667 to middle ranking applicants and

\$ 447,556 to less experienced local sponsors

Each tier received the same % of funds as in the 2013 pilot round.

2014 Funding

#	Local Sponsor	Projected LAEPP Award	Potential FRPP*
1	Tecumseh Land Preservation Association	\$ 550,643	\$ 1,651,930
2	Western Reserve Land Conservancy	\$ 378,618	\$ 1,135,855
3	Black Swamp Conservancy	\$ 564,320	\$ 1,692,959
4	Philander Chase - Owl Creek Conservancy	\$ 316,783	\$ 950,348
5	Three Valley Conservation Trust	\$ 511,362	\$ 1,534,085
6	Fairfield County Commissioners	\$ 448,107	\$ 1,344,322
7	Killbuck Watershed Land Trust	\$ 354,944	\$ 1,064,831
		\$ 3,124,777	\$ 9,374,331
8	Licking County SWCD	\$ 356,180	\$ 1,068,540
9	Madison County Commissioners	\$ 665,016	\$ 1,995,047
10	Logan County Land Trust	\$ 284,324	\$ 852,972
11	Lake County SWCD	\$ 200,905	\$ 602,716
12	Appalachia Ohio Alliance	\$ 366,242	\$ 1,098,725
		\$ 1,872,667	\$ 5,618,001
13	Clinton County Open Lands	\$ 200,010	\$ 600,031
14	West Central Ohio Land Conservancy	\$ 230,877	\$ 692,630
15	Darke County Land Trust Alliance	\$ 214,839	\$ 644,517
16	Ohio Valley Conservation Coalition	\$ 182,792	\$ 548,377
17	Champaign County SWCD	\$ 174,037	\$ 522,112
		\$ 1,002,556	\$ 3,007,668
		\$ 6,000,000	\$ 18,000,000
			\$ 24,000,000



2014 LAEPP Timeline

January 3 – Localized Step 14 (in landowner app) submitted by 3 sponsors

January 8 – Mandatory Local Sponsor Training at ODA

January 15 – Landowner application period begins

January 15 (or so) – Local Sponsor/ODA Cooperative Agreements signed/received

***March 15** - 60 day Local Sponsor application period ends (3)

***April 15** – 90 day Local Sponsor application period ends (14)

May 1 – Advisory Board meeting to approve landowners selected by local sponsors with 60 day application period

June 5 – Advisory Board meeting to approve landowners selected by local sponsors with 90 day application period

*Due to 2014 application reviews, try to **avoid** this time for 2013 document reviews and “anything Amanda”.

Resources to Promote and Complete Landowner Application



- For Promotion:
 - Brochure
 - Sample Deeds of Agricultural Easement
 - LAEPP 2014 Guidelines and Policies
- Completing the Application:
 - Application Handbook
 - Resources on OFP website, including sample attachments
 - FAQs on application website
 - Other local sponsors
 - Call the OFP

2014 LAEPP Guidelines and Policies

- Lays out total funding available to landowners, eligibility criteria for applicant farms, funding caps, and policies for current application period
- Largely unchanged from LAEPP 2013, however...
- New opportunities for farms under 40 acres

2014 LAEPP Guidelines and Policies

Farms 25-40 acres

- Previously: To be eligible, needed to be adjacent to agriculture easement-protected property
- Now: must be adjacent to agriculture easement-protected property or permanently protected land compatible with agriculture, including:
 - Natural resource, open space, or forested land under conservation easement
 - Wetlands, public parks/forests, airports, military bases, wildlife areas, natural preserves, prison farms, historic or archaeological sites, conservancy parks, reservoirs, well fields, battlefields, flood pools, publicly-owned agricultural research lands, and well heads

2014 LAEPP Guidelines and Policies

Small Farm Exception

- An avenue for smaller-acreage farms to request exception to apply for LAEPP
 - Must apply prior to submission of landowner application
 - Less than 25 acres but at least 10 acres
 - Shares substantial border with permanently protected land compatible with agriculture (see Guidelines and Policies documents for entire list)
 - See document for instructions on making your request for either a Large or Small Farm Exception

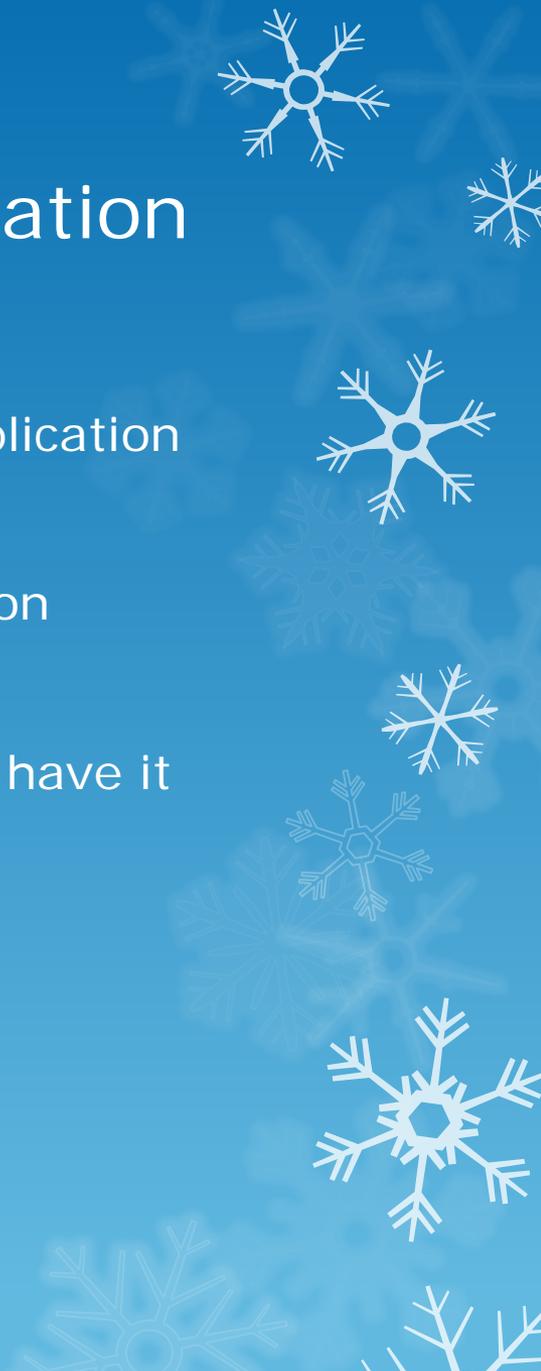
2014 LAEPP Guidelines and Policies



Don't forget...

- Farmstead/Homestead Policy
- Large Farm Exception (value or size)
- Funding caps
- Multi-County farms

2014 LAEPP Landowner Application



- Very few changes from 2013 landowner application
- Returning LS – use previous login information
- Login information available if you no longer have it
- Can create a login if new LS or SWCD
- Confirmed/Not Confirmed LS

- FarmLand Preservation Home
- Newsroom
- Public Meeting Notices
- Meetings and Events
- OAC/ORC
- Forms and Applications
- Farmland Advisory Board [+]
- Farmland Preservation Summit
- Local Land Use Plans

Programs

- Agricultural District
- Agricultural Security Areas
- Clean Ohio Purchase Program
- Donation Programs

Purchase Program (LAEPP)



The Clean Ohio Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program (LAEPP) provides funding to assist landowners and communities in preserving Ohio's farmland, our most vital resource.

Ohio's fertile soils have always been essential to feeding a growing population, and are also called upon to meet a booming demand for renewable energy. At the same time, nearby competing land uses often exert incredible pressures upon these farms to convert to non-agricultural uses.

Farmland protection activities not only ensure that the scenic views and heritage of Ohio's countryside are maintained for future generations, but they also benefit our environment and provide critical habitat for local wildlife populations. The Clean Ohio program also helps family farms transition to the next generation and protects the economic foundation of Ohio's largest industry.

In early 2011, the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) proposed localizing the selection of easements under AEPP. All previous funding rounds featured a funding round based on a centralized AEPP application. Under the LAEPP, ODA will certify land trusts, local governments and soil and water conservation districts to partner with the department to manage a local AEPP program to purchase agricultural easements from willing landowners.

After input from the Technical Committee and the Ohio Farmland Preservation Advisory Board, changes to Ohio Administrative Code Section 901 were submitted and went into effect in January 2013.

General Information

- [Brochure](#)
- [2013 LAEPP Local Sponsor Program Outline Presentation](#)
- [AEPP Current Easement List](#)
- [Sample State Deed](#)
- [AEPP Easement Map \(courtesy of Trust for Public Land, 2012\)](#)
- [2011 AEPP Guidelines and Policies](#)
- [2011 AEPP Application Handbook](#)
- [2011 AEPP Application Tutorial](#)

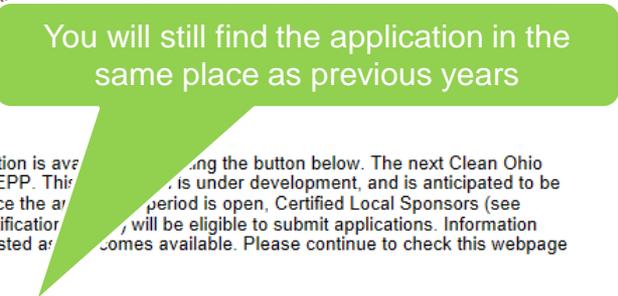
LAEPP Local Sponsor Application Materials

Under the Clean Ohio Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program (LAEPP), counties, townships, soil and water conservation districts, and land trusts/non profits may apply to become Certified Local Sponsors and receive funding in 2013. Beginning February 1, 2013, interested local sponsors should complete the Application for Local Sponsor Certification by 5:00pm on Friday, February 1, 2013.

- [Application for Local Sponsor Certification](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

2011 AEPP Application

Access to the 2011 AEPP Application is available by clicking the button below. The next Clean Ohio funding round will be the 2013 LAEPP. This application is under development, and is anticipated to be released in April or May 2013. Once the application period is open, Certified Local Sponsors (see Application for Local Sponsor Certification) will be eligible to submit applications. Information about the funding round will be posted as it becomes available. Please continue to check this webpage for updates.



2011 Clean Ohio AEPP Online Application [Click here to enter application.](#)

Technical Meeting

2013 CLEAN OHIO LOCAL AGRICULTURAL EASEMENT PURCHASE PROGRAM APPLICATION



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2013 Local Sponsor Application Login

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- [Tier One Estimator](#)

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User Name:

Password:

All Local Sponsors must create a Local Sponsor Account. If you are a Local Sponsor and have not yet created your Local Sponsor Account, please do so now by [clicking here](#).

In order for a previous year's application to roll over to this year, the previous year's username and password must be entered.

If you have already created a Local Sponsor Account, and have forgotten your password, please call or email the Office of Farmland Preservation and your password will be reset.

You can write to us:

Ohio Department of Agriculture
Office of Farmland Preservation
8995 East Main Street
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068-3399

You can call us: (614) 728-6210

You can email us: farmlandpres@agri.ohio.gov

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Login Message: Local Sponsor is not confirmed. Please call (614) 728-6210

Farm List

- [Add New Farm](#)
- [Add New Farm with Local Sponsor](#)

“Not confirmed” message will appear if brand new or using new login information. If you get this message, please call.

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Means you are good to go.



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CONFIRMED LOCAL SPONSOR.

Farm List

Farm ID	Year	Last Name	First Name	Acreage	Status	Draft	Print	View	Edit	Copy
1KIFL4	2013	Bennett	Amanda	100	Submit					
60JTF6	2013	Bennett	Amanda	100	Pending					
13TSI4Q	2013	ODA	Bennett		Pending					
10Q6Q0	2013	Smith	Jones		Pending					
C4J52S	2011	adnama	ben		Pending					
18REK47	2011	Amanda	amanda		Pending					
1Q6DTI0	2011	Bennett	Amanda		Pending					
7B64DR	2011	Bennett	Amanda	71.37	Pending					
S4N6AC	2011	Bennett	Amanda	71.37	Submit					
N0MGH9	2011	Douglas	Perry	184.15	Submit					
1HDQ7Q5	2011	Douglas	Perry	184.15	Pending					
1068KEF	2011	foster	amanda		Pending					
1G0HJ5F	2011	gibson	amanda		Pending					
V58P2Q	2011	Irving	Linus	46.69	Pending					
1QKF39G	2011	ODA	Bennett		Pending					
JKE57L	2011	ODA	Bennett	200	Pending					
2UIMBD	2011	Samuels	Morgan	71.37	Pending					
60J AHL	2011	Smith	Jones	113.56	Submit					

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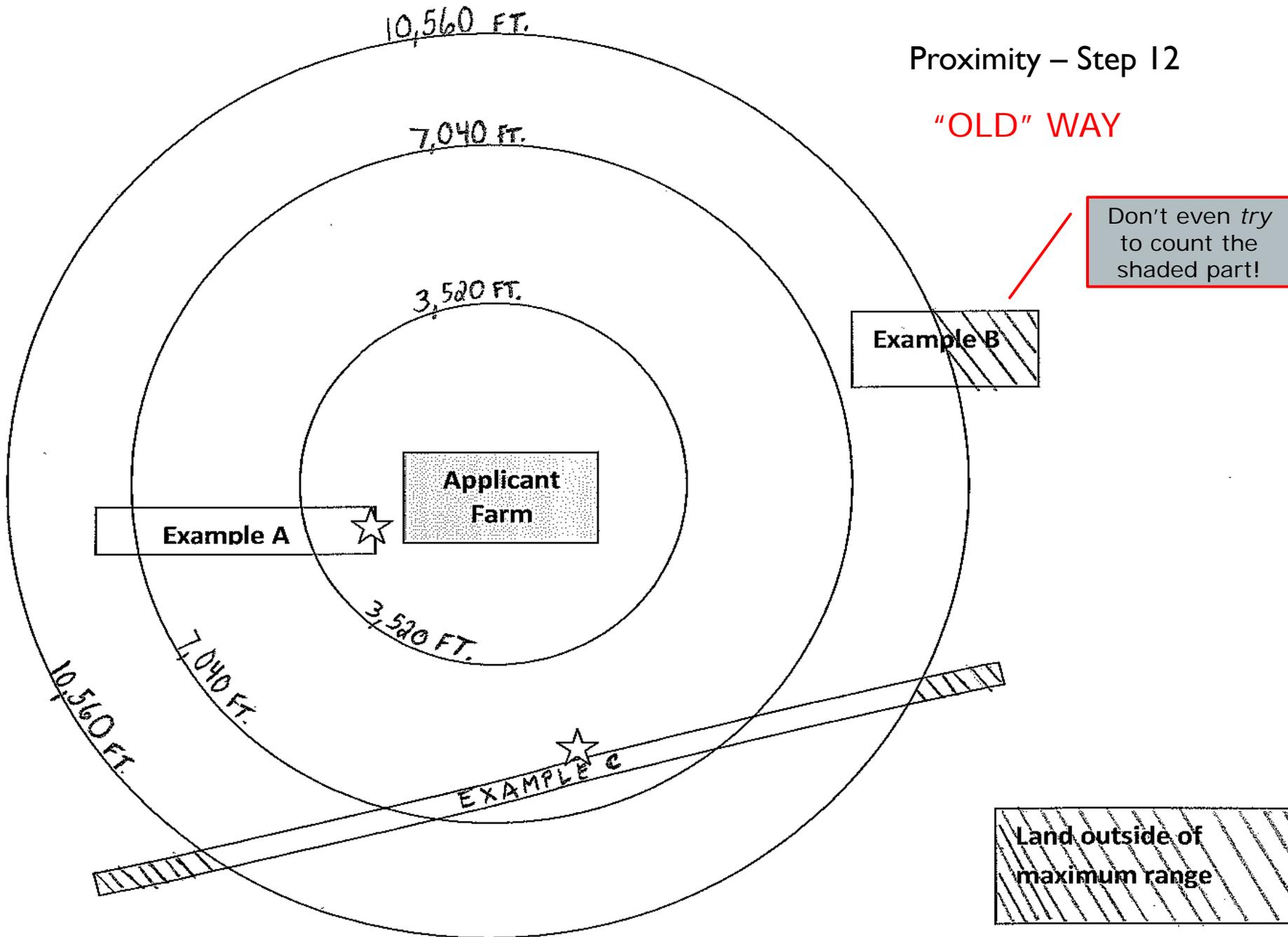
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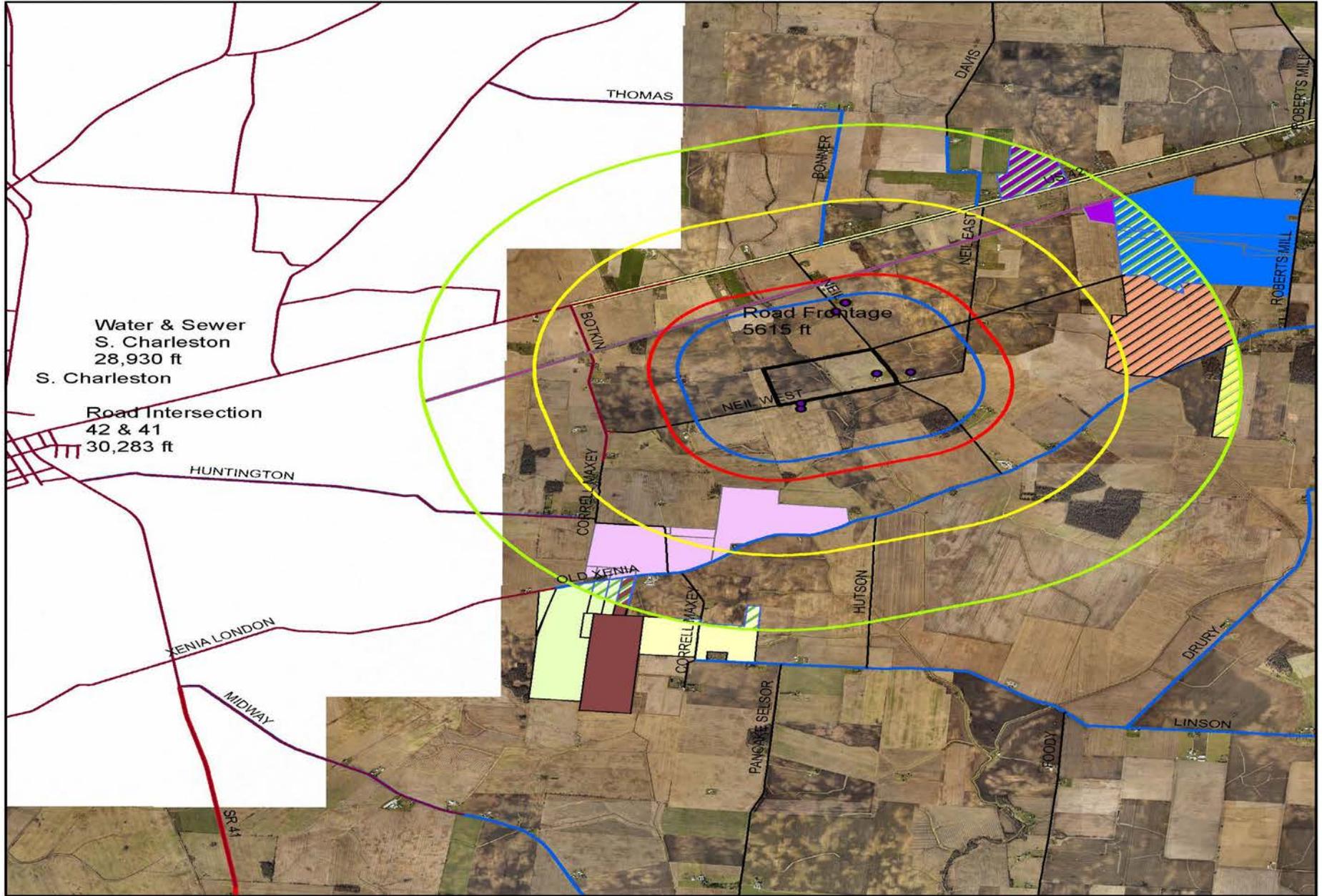
Quick Review and **Changes:** Landowner Application

- Contact, ownership, and location information for landowner and applicant property
- Eligibility questions to ensure farm meets the basic criteria (see Guidelines and Policies as well as OAC 901-2-02) ---*****Change in policy**
- Use County Auditor's Records for acres, CAUV and Market Value
- Information on farm operation and picture of property ---*****Change**
- Information on number of homesteads, liens and restrictions already on the applicant property
- Applicant property's proximity to other protected areas and other applicant farms and development pressure ---*****Change in policy**

Proximity – Step 12

"OLD" WAY





Legend

- structures_Kelley
- streets_f
- ROADTYPE**
- County
- Interstate
- Municipal

- State Park
- Private
- Ramp
- State Route
- Township
- US Route
- roads
- Kelley, Larry & Patricia_150ac.
- Kelley, Larry & Patricia_0.5 miles
- Kelley, Larry & Patricia_3520 Feet
- Kelley, Larry & Patricia_7040 Feet
- Kolloy, Larry & Patricia_10560 Foot
- Blkw_Trail_10560_53ac.
- Hunter, Robert_10560_17ac.

- Hunter, Robert_10560_22ac.
- Stewart, Bruce & Steven_10560_146ac.
- Bumgardner, Todd R Trustee_10560_78ac.
- Shordan, Dale_10560_12ac.
- Burr, Mary Ann_308ac.
- Henry, Phil & Lynn_60ac.
- Hunter, Robert_10560_17ac.
- Durr, Mary Ann_401ac.

- Bumgardner, Todd R Trustee_453ac.
- Stewart, Bruce & Steven_543ec.
- Henry, Phil & Lynn_113ac.
- Hunter, Robert & Annie_148ac.
- Hunter_AEPP_368ac.
- Sheridan_Dale_179ac.
- Hunter, Robert_219ac.

Map Date: June 27, 2013
 Image Date: Spring 2012
 Contact Information: Valerie Eades
 Madison County GIS & IT
 (740) 852-9404



Quick Review and Changes: Landowner Application

- Other Factors (Standard or Localized)
- Local Government planning
- Will work with SWCD/NRCS to describe status of Conservation Plan and soils of the applicant property
- Receive score and estimated purchase offer with points-based appraisal
- Signature page
- Attachment Checklist – **new resource (samples) available online**

Localized Step 14

- Local sponsor has submitted questions for Step 14 for review by ODA
- Within application, message will say that LS chose a localized Step 14, and there will be a box for you to enter the total number of points that landowner received on your local questions. Amount of the landowner's donation must also be entered in here for localized applications
- Local sponsor must attach the localized Step 14 scoring sheet for that property with their hardcopy application if that farm is to be recommended for funding

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Application Steps

- Farm List
- Initial Steps
 - 1. Create Farm ID
 - 2. Local Sponsor
 - 3. Eligibility
 - 4. Agreement
- Application Steps
 - 5. Ownership
 - 6. Title Holder(s)
 - 7. Farm Address Worksheet
 - 8. County Auditor
 - 9. Farmland Usage

Application Year: 2011

Tier One Total Score = Maximum 100 Points
Step 14 Total Score = Maximum 29 Points

Other factors that can influence local efforts to preserve farmland include population, Agricultural Security Area (ASA), farms that have a historical designation, and bargain sales of agricultural easements.

Standard Application

FarmID: C4JS2S
Landowner's Last Name: adnama
Total Acreage: 0

14A: Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

MSA Map and MSA Listing as defined by the Federal Government. (Maximum Points = 3.0)

- Points are allowed as follows:
- Farm is located within the largest MSA County (0.0 points)
 - Farm is located in an MSA County, but not the largest MSA County (3.0 points)
 - Farm is not in an MSA County, but the county is adjacent to an MSA County (1.5 points)
 - Farm is not in an MSA County, and the county is not adjacent to an MSA County (0.0 points)

View All Counties: --Select item--

14B: Enrollment in the Agricultural Security Area (ASA) (attachment required) (Maximum Points = 2.0)

- Farm is enrolled in an ASA (2 points)
- Farm is not enrolled in an ASA (0 points)

14C: Historic Designation

Is the applicant farm or any part of the farm, including the homestead or buildings, listed on the National Register as an historic or archaeological site; documented on the Ohio Historic Inventory; or has the farm been accepted by ODA as a Century Farm since 1993? (attachment required) (Maximum Points = 5.0)

- National Register of Historic Places (5 points)
- ODA Century Farm (3 points)
- Ohio Historic Inventory or Ohio Archeology Inventory (2 points)
- Not applicable (0 points)

* Note: If application farm has been Historically Designated, proof of such designation must be included in the attachments that are being submitted with the application. Only one historic designation may be claimed for Item 14C.

14D: Higher Local Match

Does the applicant farm have higher than the required 25% Local Match? (Maximum Points = 12.0)

- 60% Local Match (12 points)
- 55% Local Match (11 points)
- 50% Local Match (10 points)
- 45% Local Match (8 points)
- 40% Local Match (6 points)
- 35% Local Match (4 points)
- 30% Local Match (2 points)
- 25% Local Match (0 points)

14E: Repeat Applications

Has the landowner submitted this farm in any previous AEPP funding round without declining a full offer in the 2010 funding round? If Yes, (1 point). If No, (0 points).

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Step 14: Other Factors
Local Sponsor has opted to complete an ODA-reviewed localized Step 14. Please enter the total points from the Local Sponsor's Step 14 below:

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- Print Blank Application
- Print Blank Application Alternate Step 14
- Points Estimator

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Funding Round Year: (2013)

FarmID: 4IH5TG
Landowner's Last Name: McTest
Total Acreage: 97.628

Localized Application

Step 14 Total Score = Maximum 29 Points

Other factors that can influence local efforts to preserve farmland include popular historical designation, and bargain sales of agricultural easements.

Step 14 Points:

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Higher Local Match

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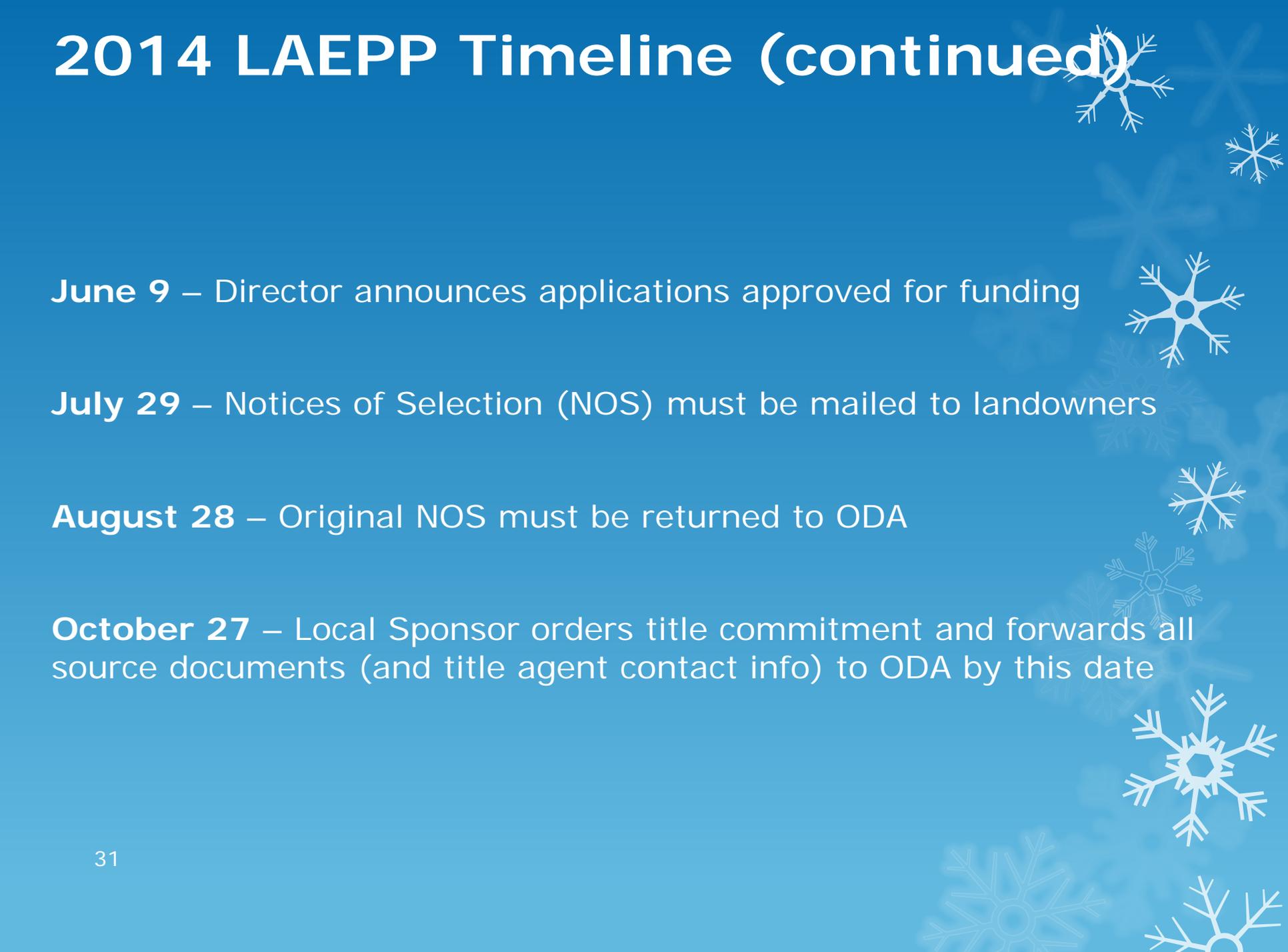
Attachments

- Resolution
- Farm Map
- County Auditor Records
- Aerial Map or Photo
- Soils Map
- Historical Designation
- Corporations, Partnerships, and Trusts
- Charitable Organizations (additional resolutions)
- ASA enrollment
- Current owner's Deed
- **Picture** and any other relevant information

Hints to a successful application and review process

- Get on township and county calendars now for resolutions
- Maps – Read the attachment checklist for things that need to be on those maps – will speed up the review
- Enlist the help of your landowners and other local help for assistance in obtaining needed documents, pictures, and maps
- Reminder – all “fellow applicants” submitted for proximity points must complete the online application and must be listed on Cooperative Agreement Exhibit D at the close of your application period/ranking.

2014 LAEPP Timeline (continued)



June 9 – Director announces applications approved for funding

July 29 – Notices of Selection (NOS) must be mailed to landowners

August 28 – Original NOS must be returned to ODA

October 27 – Local Sponsor orders title commitment and forwards all source documents (and title agent contact info) to ODA by this date

2014 LAEPP Timeline (continued)



Additional Steps:

- ODA issues title opinion and Closing Instructions explaining title issues/remedies
 - Local Sponsor completes Present Condition Report
 - Purchase Agreement and Draft Deed of Agricultural Easement
 - Local Sponsor provides Escrow Agreement to ODA
 - Local Sponsor requests ODA to initiate release of LAEPP funds
 - Local Sponsor prepares escrow package and initiates check request
 - Local Sponsor coordinates Closing and forwards original recorded documents to ODA
 - Local Sponsor annually monitors the Agricultural Easement
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Questions?

Thank you.

