



LAEPP: PURPOSE, SCORING & FUNDING

Ohio Farmland Preservation
Advisory Board Meeting
April 9, 2013

Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program: Purpose

- It is always instructive to look back at our goals:
 - 1) to build local capacity by certifying local sponsors to hold and administer their own local agricultural easement purchase programs;
 - 2) to reduce the administrative role of the state staff as the number of easements tops 300; and
 - 3) to attract the additional federal farmland protection funds to Ohio.

2013 Timeline to Implement LAEPP

- **January 30** – Advisory Board adopts resolution approving Local Sponsor Application
- **February 1** – March 15: Local Sponsor application period
 - 19 applications received representing 45 counties
- **April 2** – Applications, scoring & funding methodology sent to board
- **April 9** – Advisory Board makes recommendations to the director on funding the local sponsor (LS) applicants
- **April 11** - ODA Director announces funding for local sponsors
- **April 12- 30** Cooperative agreements signed between ODA and LS
- **April 17** – Mandatory training at ODA for funded local sponsors
- **May 1** – Start of 30-90 day landowner application period
- **July 30-Aug 30** – Estimated first Advisory Board meeting to approve landowners selected by local sponsors

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
 - County Development pressure

LAEPP Applications Summary

- **19** applications received serving 45 counties
 - **2** Counties (Fairfield and Madison)
 - **3** Soil & Water Conservation Districts (Lake, Licking and Montgomery)
 - **14** Non-Profits:
 - Western Reserve Land Conservancy (16 counties)
 - Black Swamp Land Conservancy (4 counties)
 - Southern Ohio Farmland Preservation Association (4 counties)
 - Appalachia Ohio Alliance (3 counties)
 - Three Valley Conservation Trust (3 counties)
 - Ohio Valley Conservation Coalition (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)
 - Logan County Land Trust (1 county)
 - Champaign Land Preservation Trust (1 county)
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- Union County Land Heritage Trust (required non-profit status in progress)

Regional Interest

% of applicants

Q 1 = 15 co

33.3% of apps

Q 2 = 7 co

15.5 % of apps

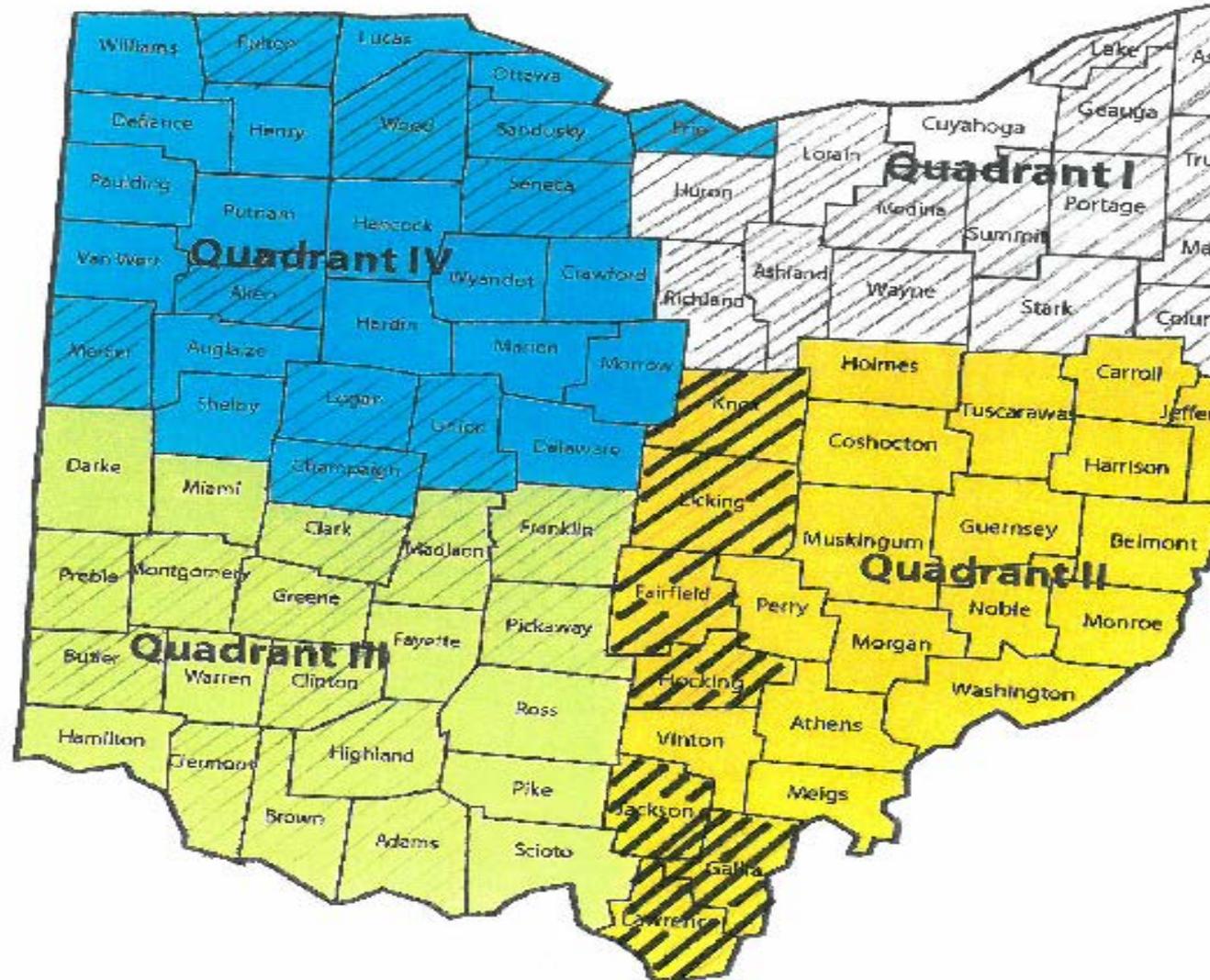
Q 3 = 13 co

28.8 % of apps

Q 4 = 10 co

22.2% of

applications



2013 Certified Local Sponsor Funding Formula -1

1. All 18 certified local sponsors (CLS) eligible for funding
2. All CLS are strongly encouraged to leverage the amount of state funding to attract Federal Farm & Ranch Land Protection Program (FRPP) funding.
3. Provide a base amount to all 18 applicants as follows:
 - a. Single county served (SWCD or county land trust): \$75,000 base
 - b. Two counties served: 100,000 base
 - c. Three counties served 125,000 base
 - d. Four or more counties served 150,000 base
4. Collectively, these base amounts = **\$ 1,800,000 out of \$2,700,000**

2013 Funding Formula Continued (2)

\$1.8 million base funding subtracted from the total funds available (\$2.7 million) = **\$900,000**

Of that amount:

- a. **\$500,000** divided among the applicants scoring above 35
- b. **\$300,000** divided among the applicants scoring between 30-35
- c. **\$100,000** divided among the applicants scoring below 30

2013 Funding Formula Continued (3)

In making the distributions above the base, the following formula will be used:

Average Market Value (AMV) (Application question G. 1)

X Average Farm Size (AFS) (Application question G. 2)

X .25 (match required at closing by FRPP)

X a reduction factor of .5 (½ the normal funding amount is available)

In short this part of the funding formula is as follows:

$$\text{AMV} \times \text{AFS} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \times .25 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \times .5 = \$ \underline{\hspace{2cm}}.$$

This amount is added to the base amount for each applicant.

The result is a formula that distributes the funds statewide, scales the amount to reflect single or multi county programs, scales the funds to reflect the cost of acquiring an average farm in the county, allows new local sponsors to participate and rewards large, highly skilled, multi county land trusts to receive larger awards.

Local Sponsor Applications in order of Scoring:

1. Tecumseh Land Trust
2. Western Reserve LC
3. Three Valley CT
4. Black Swamp Conservancy
5. Killbuck Watershed LT
6. Owl Creek-Philander Chase
7. Appalachia Ohio Alliance
8. So. Ohio Farmland Pres.
9. Fairfield County (tied)
9. Madison County (tied)
10. Licking Co SWCD (tied)
10. Montgomery Co SWCD (tied)
11. Lake Co. SWCD
12. Clinton Co. Open Lands
13. West Central Ohio LC
14. Logan Co LT
15. Ohio Valley Cons. Coalition
16. Champaign Co. LT

Note: Total of 16 due to two sets of ties (9 and 10)

4 organizations are new to Agricultural Easement Purchase Program

- **Clinton County Open Lands*** – Clinton County
- **Owl Creek** – Knox County
- **Ohio Valley Conservation Coalition** – Jackson, Lawrence, Gallia
- **Southern Ohio Farmland Preservation Association*** - Adams, Brown, Clermont and Highland counties
- *Previous AEPP applicants, but not funded

13 Experienced, 5 Organizations new to FRPP*:

1. Appalachia Ohio Alliance
 2. Southern Ohio Farmland Preservation Association
 3. Montgomery County SWCD
 4. Clinton County Open Lands
 5. Ohio Valley Conservation Coalition
- *Federal Farm & Ranch Lands Protection Program

Proposed Funding Formula Applied

Total of 16 - two sets of counties tied: (9 and 10)

Rank	Local Sponsor	Projected Award Total	Potential FRPP
1	Tecumseh Land Trust	\$ 200,117.77	\$ 600,353.32
2	Western Reserve Land Conservancy	\$ 200,703.13	\$ 602,109.38
3	Three Valley Conservation Trust	\$ 208,905.99	\$ 626,717.97
4	BSC	\$ 239,397.37	\$ 718,192.11
5	KWLT (Killbuck Watershed Land Trust)	\$ 142,654.86	\$ 427,964.58
6	Owl Creek-Philander Chase	\$ 126,830.39	\$ 380,491.18
7	Appalachia Ohio Alliance	\$ 206,390.49	\$ 619,171.46
		\$ 1,325,000.00	\$ 3,975,000.00
8	SOFPA (Southern Ohio Farmland Preservation)	\$ 172,872.09	\$ 518,616.26
9	Fairfield County Comm.	\$ 121,253.89	\$ 363,761.68
9	Madison County Commissioners	\$ 188,579.31	\$ 565,737.92
10	Licking Co. SWCD	\$ 127,684.38	\$ 383,053.13
10	Montgomery County SWCD	\$ 117,882.00	\$ 353,646.01
11	Lake Co SWCD	\$ 96,728.33	\$ 290,185.00
		\$ 825,000.00	\$ 2,475,000.00
12	CCOL (Clinton County Open Lands)	\$ 103,300.56	\$ 309,901.68
13	WCOLC	\$ 128,362.40	\$ 385,087.21
14	Logan Co Land Trust	\$ 92,522.71	\$ 277,568.12
15	OVCC (Ohio Valley Conservation Coalition)	\$ 129,552.01	\$ 388,656.03
16	Champaign Land Preservation	\$ 96,262.32	\$ 288,786.95
		\$ 550,000.00	\$ 1,650,000.00
		\$ 2,700,000.00	\$ 8,100,000.00
			\$ 10,800,000.00

Advisory Board Discussion & Recommendations

