

# Clean Ohio Conservation awards top \$800 million

| Clean Ohio Conservation Awards, FY 2003-FY 2022                     |                  |                      |
|---|------------------|----------------------|
| Award Component   | Number of Awards | Total Amount Awarded |
| Public Works Commission<br>Green Space Conservation Program         | 1,597            | \$617,274,902        |
| Department of Natural Resources<br>Recreational Trails Program      | 334              | \$107,110,101        |
| Department of Agriculture<br>Agricultural Easement Purchase Program | 589              | \$79,657,382         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>2,520</b>     | <b>\$804,042,385</b> |

Sources: Ohio Public Works Commission; Ohio Department of Agriculture; Ohio Department of Natural Resources

- Since FY 2003, the Public Works Commission (PWC), the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Department of Agriculture (AGR) have awarded \$804.0 million in grant funding for 2,520 projects under the Conservation component of the Clean Ohio Initiative. These grants were awarded under three separate programs.
- **PWC’s Green Space Conservation Program**
  - \$617.3 million awarded, making up 76.8% of all Clean Ohio Conservation funding. Local governments and nonprofits may use grants to preserve natural areas, watersheds, and other green space.
- **DNR’s Recreational Trails Program**
  - \$107.1 million awarded, supporting 334 projects sponsored by local governments and nonprofit community organizations to create or improve recreational trail networks.
- **AGR’s Agricultural Easement Purchase Program**
  - \$79.7 million awarded, enabling 589 easements to preserve over 91,000 acres of farmland in the state.
- Voters approved the issuance of general obligation bonds to fund the Conservation component of the Clean Ohio Initiative via ballot issues in 2000 and 2008.