

Attachment: Milestones, accomplishments, schedule for SEP completion

In association with the Black Swamp Conservancy and Cleveland Metroparks and in accordance with the following schedules, Respondent shall provide funds to acquire, restore, and conserve:

1. A 75 acre addition to the existing 113 acre Meadowbrook Marsh Preserve, located north of Bayshore Road between Engelbeck Road and Hartshorn Road in Danbury Township, Ottawa County, Ohio. This 75 acre property includes 40 acres of wetlands, and 35 adjacent non-wetland acres of associated upland buffer, which are primarily grassland. Once acquired, the neighboring Danbury Township will take ownership and become responsible for all restoration efforts. The Black Swamp Conservancy will hold a conservation easement of the property and become responsible for the property's stewardship.

Activity	Completion Date	Cost
Acquisition of property	1/31/13	\$ 470,046
Transfer of title to Danbury Township	1/31/13	
Recording of conservation easement to Black Swamp Conservancy	1/31/13	
Establish endowment for future maintenance and improvements	12/31/12	\$ 28,454
Administrative Costs of Project (<i>e.g.</i> , attorney costs related to filing easements or staff time for reporting requirements)		\$ 8,900
	Total:	\$ 507,400

2. A 26.4 acre nature preserve ("Engel Road Parcel, Abram Creek Wetland"), to be owned and operated by the Cleveland Metroparks and located along Abram Creek, the largest tributary to the main stem of the Rocky River, in Middleburg Heights, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. This preserve will include wetlands, riparian streams, and upland adjacent to the Fowles Wetland, which is one of three wetlands within the Abram Creek wetland complex.

Acquisition of 26.4 acre nature preserve with title held by Cleveland Metroparks	6/30/13	\$ 760,000
Fund endowment for future maintenance and improvements	8/31/13	\$ 6,800
	Total	\$ 766,800

3. A 61.4 acre nature preserve (“Water’s Edge Preserve”) to be owned and operated by the Black Swamp Conservancy and located along the Sandusky “State Scenic” River on County Road 201A in Ballville Township, Ohio. This preserve will include 2,250 ft. along the Sandusky River, a small Sandusky River island (.8 acre), and 52 acres of land restored from agricultural row crop use to forest.

Acquisition of 61.4 acre addition with title held by Black Swamp Conservancy	5/31/13	\$ 557,000
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Commence restoration of 52 acres from agricultural to forest including: 44 acres of the 52 acres will be restored from floodplain to forest, which will entail the planting of 400 twelve inch trees and 10 five foot trees per acre (May 2013-November 2013); invasive species control will entail removal of woody invasive species (*e.g.*, multiflora rose, autumn olive, amur honeysuckle), as other species will eventually be shaded out by the forest.

Completion of restoration activities:	12/31/13	\$ 40,000
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Fund endowment for future maintenance and improvements	12/31/12	\$ 120,000
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Administrative Costs of Project (<i>e.g.</i> , attorney costs related to filing easements or staff time for reporting requirements)		\$ 8,800
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Total	\$725,800
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Submittal of SEP Progress Letter Report (status of the endowments, land acquisition, conservation easement and any completed or planned restoration activities).

4/01/13

Submittal of SEP Completion Report

2/28/14

For the two projects administered by the Black Swamp Conservancy, the stewardship endowments will be classified as a “Stewardship Fund-Restricted,” which will contain funds designated exclusively for the Meadowbrook Marsh Preserve and Water’s Edge Preserve respectively. These funds will be used for easement monitoring and enforcement expenses associated with each property. However, it is Black Swamp Conservancy’s policy that its Board of Trustees may pass a resolution by majority vote allowing an exception to the restriction of funding to one property when an undue circumstance arises.

Currently, the Black Swamp Conservancy’s endowments are held in a money market savings account at Huntington National Bank and a brokerage account with Key Investment Services.

Key Investment Services recommends investments that are in line with the Conservancy's investment policy, which restricts "investments to cash, cash equivalents and high-quality U.S. government bonds." However, the Conservancy has recently solicited proposals from investment managers to establish a more aggressive investment strategy. The Treasurer of the Conservancy's Board of Trustees is the person primarily responsible for financial decision-making related to stewardship endowments. The Treasurer provides a financial report regarding endowments to the Conservancy's Executive Committee on a monthly basis and for approval of the Board of Trustees on a bi-monthly basis.

For the project administered by the Cleveland Metroparks, the stewardship endowment will be classified as a "Restricted Account," which will contain funds designated exclusively for the Engel Road Parcel, Abram Creek Wetland project. The endowment, per Cleveland Metroparks investment policy and in line with Ohio Revised Code Section 135, will be held in an account that is invested in State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio), STAR Plus, and a government secured money market account at PNC Bank. The Board of Trustees receives bi-monthly financial reports regarding all endowments.

For each of the projects described above, Respondent shall require Black Swamp Conservancy and the Cleveland Metroparks respectively to submit to Respondent records documenting costs incurred for acquisition of the property and restoration activities, recording deeds and easements, and a certification that the endowments have been established and the amount of the endowments. Respondent shall also require Black Swamp Conservancy and Cleveland Metroparks respectively to submit to Respondent copies of the filed title deeds and easements. Respondent shall retain such records provided from Black Swamp Conservancy and Cleveland Metroparks for three years after the SEP completion report date. Upon request by U.S. EPA, Respondent shall make such records available for review, if such records were not included in or part of the SEP completion report.