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District 14 Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC)
Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association
326 Highland Avenue, Suite B
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RE: Clean Ohio Application for Turkey Creek Preserve—Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District, Applicant

Members of the District 14 NRAC:

The National Deer Association (NDA) would like to express its support of the Turkey Creek Preserve property that is being submitted for Clean Ohio funding. NDA is a national non-profit conservation organization with the mission to ensure the future of wild deer, wildlife habitat and hunting. We represent more than 100,000 members nationwide, and our membership includes hunters, landowners and natural resource professionals. Protection of the 625-acre Turkey Creek Preserve property, and opening it for public deer hunting access, falls squarely within our mission.

With Coshocton County having the highest number of deer harvested of any Ohio county last season, we are excited to support the increase publicly accessible hunting opportunities that will help further Coshocton County's longstanding and strong hunting heritage. Hunters have a deeply rooted history in connecting with the land and supporting conservation. We are happy to continue that tradition by supporting this project.

We ask that the NRAC 14 Committee fund the Turkey Creek Preserve property, thus allowing more hunters to experience everything the Ohio outdoors has to offer, not least of which is invaluable memories afield.

Sincerely,

Torin Miller
Senior Director of Policy