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**Senator Schiavoni**

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**A BILL**

To enact section 164.11 of the Revised Code to 1  
establish the green infrastructure fund and to 2  
make an appropriation. 3

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 164.11 of the Revised Code be 4  
enacted to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 164.11.** (A) There is hereby created in the state 6  
treasury the green infrastructure fund consisting of money 7  
appropriated to it, and any payments, contributions, and 8  
donations made to the fund for large-scale green infrastructure 9  
improvement projects. The director of the Ohio public works 10  
commission shall use money in the fund to provide financial, 11  
technical, and administrative assistance for the implementation 12  
of large-scale green infrastructure improvement projects to be 13  
completed on any public land. 14

(B) For purposes of this section, the director of the Ohio 15  
public works commission may enter into contracts and agreements, 16  
including grant agreements with federal, state, municipal, or 17  
other local government agencies; environmental nonprofit 18

organizations; and universities. The director of environmental 19  
protection shall assist the director of the Ohio public works 20  
commission in evaluating grant agreements before awarding grants 21  
under this section. 22

(C) The director of the Ohio public works commission shall 23  
adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code 24  
that establish all of the following: 25

(1) Criteria for evaluating large-scale green 26  
infrastructure improvement projects; 27

(2) Application procedures and requirements for grants 28  
made under this section that include a process for review by the 29  
director of environmental protection; 30

(3) Any other requirements and procedures that the 31  
director of the Ohio public works commission determines to be 32  
necessary to implement this section. 33

(D) As used in this section, "large-scale green 34  
infrastructure improvement project" means a project that is 35  
largely self-sustaining and requires minimal future maintenance. 36  
"Large-scale green infrastructure improvement project" includes 37  
projects such as dam removal, natural stream channel and 38  
floodplain restoration, storm water retention, wetland 39  
restoration, green streets, parking lots, and roofs, large-scale 40  
urban reforestation projects, and rainwater harvesting. 41

**Section 2.** All items in this section are hereby 42  
appropriated as designated out of any moneys in the state 43  
treasury to the credit of the designated fund. For all 44  
appropriations made in this act, those in the first column are 45  
for fiscal year 2018 and those in the second column are for 46  
fiscal year 2019. The appropriations made in this act are in 47

addition to any other appropriations made for the FY 2018-FY	48
2019 biennium.	49
<p style="text-align: center;">PWC PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION</p>	50
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group	51
5TP0 150603 Green Infrastructure \$10,000,000 \$10,000,000	52
Projects	53
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund \$10,000,000 \$10,000,000	54
Group	55
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS \$10,000,000 \$10,000,000	56
<p style="text-align: center;">GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS</p>	57
On July 1 of each fiscal year of the biennium ending June	58
30, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of	59
Budget and Management shall transfer \$10,000,000 cash from the	60
GRF to the Green Infrastructure Fund (Fund 5TP0).	61
The foregoing appropriation item 150603, Green	62
Infrastructure Projects, shall be used by the Director of the	63
Public Works Commission to award grants as described under	64
section 164.11 of the Revised Code.	65
<b>Section 3.</b> Within the limits set forth in this act, the	66
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts	67
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation	68
made in this act, and shall determine the form and manner in	69
which appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures	70
from appropriations contained in this act shall be accounted for	71
as though made in the main operating appropriations act of the	72
132nd General Assembly.	73
The appropriations made in this act are subject to all	74

provisions of the main operating appropriations act of the 132nd	75
General Assembly that are generally applicable to such	76
appropriations.	77