



# Village of Roaming Shores

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Mr. Tim Yova  
Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC)—District 6  
Eastgate Regional Council of Governments  
100 E. Federal Street  
City Centre One, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Youngstown, Ohio 44503

Dear Mr. Yova and Members of the District 6 Natural Resources Assistance Council:

On behalf of the Village of Roaming Shores in Ashtabula County, I am writing to express this community's support for the Western Reserve Land Conservancy's efforts to restore the Bloomfield Swamp property in Bloomfield Township, Trumbull County.

Our lakefront village is located on the shores of Lake Roaming Rock, the largest private body of water in Ohio. With a 550-acre surface area, numerous coves, and nearly 30 miles of shoreline, Lake Roaming Rock is ideal for recreational boating and fishing. Indeed Lake Roaming Rock is the centerpiece of our community and for many, the very reason they have chosen to reside in the Village of Roaming Shores. For that reason, the Bloomfield Swamp restoration project is one that this Village supports enthusiastically.

The Western Reserve Land Conservancy's effort to restore the Bloomfield Swamp property in Trumbull County presents a well-researched conservation project with far-reaching implications. Among the project's long-term outcomes will be a reduction in the sediment and agricultural run-off into Rock Creek on its way toward Lake Roaming Rock and ultimately, Lake Erie. I am confident that the NRAC's investment in this acquisition effort will in fact be an investment in our entire region. As such, I respectfully urge the members of the District 6 NRAC to award Natural Areas Land Conservancy a Clean Ohio grant for the Bloomfield Swamp restoration project.

Thank you for your consideration of my support and the support of the Village of Roaming Shores.

Thank you,

John Ball  
Mayor, Village of Roaming Shores

John Ball, Mayor  
Leeann Moses, Clerk

Kevin Grippi, Administrator  
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