

## Ohio Administrative Code Rule 1501-4-01 Donations.

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Donations are voluntary contributions to the agency.

The department of natural resources may accept donations of money, equipment, material and services that benefit the department. The department reserves the right to accept donations based on the compatibility and propriety of the donor with a project and the mission and goals of the department. Money, material and equipment must be accounted for in accordance with state policies and procedures.

Donations which will require annual funding for operations and maintenance, or staffing, or unfunded non-recurring costs, may only be accepted when approved in advance by the director.

Donations may be appropriately acknowledged, but will not be recognized by any special privilege associated with the areas, or through the naming of features after living persons. Exceptions to this paragraph require the prior written consent of the director.

No acknowledgement shall convey an endorsement of a particular donor or product. An endorsement is defined as the expression of a favorable opinion about the quality, value, or effectiveness of a particular product, service, company, or organization.

The department may reject donations from any entity whose activities are either intended or may be construed to influence the outcome of any election, department permitting, contracting, or other regulatory program.