



SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN WATERSHEDS TRUST

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MILWAUKEE RIVER BASIN PARTNERSHIP AND SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN WATERSHEDS TRUST ANNOUNCE GRANT AWARD WINNERS

(Milwaukee, WI): The Southeast Wisconsin Watersheds Trust and Milwaukee River Basin Partnership announce the recipients of a Mini-Grant program.

Twenty-one applicants applied for funding with a total of nearly \$33,000 requested. Thirteen recipients whose proposals were chosen to receive funding will be awarded a total of \$17,224.00. Awards ranged from \$400 to \$2,000. Successful proposals demonstrated an ability to implement the goals and objectives of the sponsoring organizations.

The goal of the Mini-Grant Program is to support local activities that will teach citizens about water quality issues, enhance conservation, and improve water quality in the Milwaukee River watershed.

Below are the Mini-Grant award winners and a brief description of their projects:

CARMEN High School of Science and Engineering, Milwaukee

- Watershed Ecology and Assessment Project for Biology Classes

Charles Jacobus Park Neighborhood Association, Wauwatosa

- Jacobus Park Lagoon Revitalization with Native Plantings

Clement Avenue School, Milwaukee

- Science Lunchboxes Program

Country Dale Elementary School, Franklin

- Tess Corners Creek to Mallard Lake Water Quality Monitoring Project

Friends of Cedarburg Bog, Belgium

- Cedarburg Bog Interpretive Trail Signage Installation

Guardian Angels Learning Center, Milwaukee

- Rain Gardens Installation

Off the Grid, Inc., Milwaukee

- Rain Gardens of Harambee Installation

Riveredge Nature Center, Newburg

- Sustainable Urban Living Training

Root Pike Watershed Initiative Network, Racine

- Root River Watershed Rain Garden Installation

Unitarian Universalist Church West, Brookfield

- Rain Cistern and Low-Flow Toilet Installation

Urban Ecology Center, Milwaukee

- Green Parking Lot Bioswales Installation

Washington High School of Expeditionary Learning, Milwaukee

- STORM – Students Teaching Others Responsible Management

West Bend (City of) Park, Recreation & Forestry Department, West Bend

- Prairie Planting at Rolfs Park

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Mission Statements of the Sponsoring Organizations:

The **Southeastern Wisconsin Watersheds Trust** is a collaborative effort to achieve healthy and sustainable water resources throughout the Greater Milwaukee Watersheds. On the web at: <http://basineducation.uwex.edu/milwaukee/>

The **Milwaukee River Basin Partnership** is a voluntary coalition of businesses, non-profit groups, public agencies, educational institutions, organizations and individuals committed to restoring and sustaining the Milwaukee River Basin ecosystem. Our goal is to combine efforts, leverage funding, promote stewardship, and educate the public about issues that affect the land and water we all need. On the web at: <http://www.swwtwater.org/home/>