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American Water Announces Environmental Grant Winner in Ohio

Marion, Ohio (July 28, 2009) – American Water announced today recipients of the company's 2009 Environmental Grant Program awards. Established in 2005, American Water's Environmental Grant Program offers funds for innovative, community-based environmental projects that improve, restore or protect the watersheds, surface water and/or groundwater supplies in the communities it serves.

A total of 25 projects will be supported by American Water environmental grants totaling more than \$114,000. In Ohio a grant of \$1,840 will be awarded to Friends of Alum Creek and Tributaries for its project to improve the quality of West Spring Run tributary. The project will address the erosion issues resulting from receiving too much water from surrounding areas. By increasing the vegetation buffer, the water volume will be decreased and increased biodiversity will occur.

David Little, president of Ohio American Water, said, "Through our environmental grant program, American Water is able to partner with many organizations to improve, restore and protect the watersheds, surface water and/or groundwater supplies in the communities we serve."

All grant recipients will submit a report at the end of the year to American Water regarding how their grant was used to achieve their specific environmental goals.

About Ohio American Water

Ohio American Water, a wholly owned subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), provides high-quality and reliable water and/or wastewater services to approximately 200,000 people.

Founded in 1886, American Water is the largest investor-owned U.S. water and wastewater utility company. With headquarters in Voorhees, N.J., the company employs more than 7,000 dedicated professionals who provide drinking water, wastewater and other related services to approximately 15 million people in 32 states and Ontario, Canada. More information can be found by visiting www.amwater.com.