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## Indiana American Water Announces 2017 Environmental Grant Program Winners

**GREENWOOD, Ind.**, (June 26, 2017) – Indiana American Water announced today that it is awarding \$11,000 to three organizations across the state as part of its 2017 Environmental Grant Program. Winners include Chances and Services for Youth (CASY) in Terre Haute, City of Gary Department of Environmental Affairs, and the City of Kokomo.

Established in 2005, the company'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.

“Although we received nearly a dozen entries this year as a part of this program, we felt these organizations in particular demonstrated they were taking a leadership position in their communities to ensure our most precious resource is being well taken care of,” said Deborah Dewey, president of Indiana American Water.

“Ensuring we have a safe, clean water supply is an important component of the success and high quality of life our communities enjoy across the state,” Dewey continued. “Equally important is that communities recognize the value of local waterways. The environmental grants we are awarding to these organizations help us to support those efforts by encouraging wise stewardship of our water resources.”

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

2017 Environmental Grant Program Winners Summary



**Chances & Services for Youth—Awarded \$2,500**

*Booker T. Washington Park Splash Pad & Garden*—Chances and Services for Youth is partnering with several organizations to install a splash pad at Booker T. Washington Park in Terre Haute, Ind. that includes a gray water component and several other conservation features. The project includes a 1,200-gallon holding tank for collection of the gray water, which will be used to irrigate a community garden located next to the splash pad. The park is used by neighborhood children and their families, many of whom live within walking distance.



**City of Kokomo—Awarded \$5,000**

*Washington Street Stream Bank Modification Project*—The City of Kokomo is partnering with several local organizations to remove concrete debris, fill material and several storage buildings along the Wildcat Creek at Washington Street near the site of a senior living facility that is under construction. The project will not only provide additional floodway storage during rain events, but will also enhance access to the creek for recreational activities and reduce contamination and pollution into the stream. Funds from this grant will be used to help control erosion and revegetate the stream bank with native plants.

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**City of Gary, Ind.—Awarded \$3,500**

*Tree Planting & Maintenance/Education Project*—The City of Gary, Ind. Department of Environmental Affairs will be coordinating with several organizations to plant approximately 100 trees within the Little Calumet River watershed. The project also includes retrofitting a trailer to water the trees, and conducting a public education and outreach program on the environmental and quality of life benefits that trees provide and how to properly plant and maintain them.

**About Indiana American Water**

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