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## **New York American Water Accepting Applications for the 2018 Environmental Grant Program**

*Qualified Entities are Encouraged to Apply by March 26, 2018*

**Merrick, NY (January 29, 2018)**—New York American Water is pleased to announce that it is now accepting applications for community-based environmental projects through its [Environmental Grant Program](#). This program offers funding for qualifying innovative projects that improve, restore or protect watersheds, surface water and/or groundwater supplies throughout the company’s service territory. A total of \$10,000 has been earmarked to fund 2018’s awarded projects.

“We are committed to ensuring the highest standard for our communities and customers, from water quality, testing, compliance and treatment, to maintaining a comprehensive environmental policy,” said New York American Water’s Manager of Water Quality and Environmental Compliance Mike Nofi. “Our focus on the environment extends beyond the quality of our water, guiding the role we play in protecting our environment, caring for natural resources, and acting as stewards of biodiversity.”

Grants are awarded on a competitive basis and are selected by New York American Water employees based on various criteria such as project goals, impact, innovation, design, collaboration, sustainability, community engagement, and other requirements. All applicants are expected to include specific, measurable goals for projects in their proposals. At the conclusion of the grant project, the lead organization must provide a written report on the project results/impact.

To qualify, proposed projects must:

- Be located within New York American Water’s service area
- Address a source water or watershed protection need in the community
- Be completed between May 1, 2018 and November 30, 2018
- Be a new or innovative program for the community, or serve as a expansion to an existing program
- Provide evidence of sustainability (continued existence after the grant monies are utilized)
- Salaries and compensation for support of a project or program are ineligible for the grant

Information and application requirements can be obtained directly at the New York American Water website, [www.amwater.com/nyaw](http://www.amwater.com/nyaw), under the “News & Community” tab.

***About New York American Water:***

*[New York American Water](http://www.amwater.com/nyaw), a subsidiary of American Water, is the largest investor-owned water company in New York, providing high-quality and reliable water and/or wastewater services to approximately 350,000 people. With a history dating back to 1886, American Water (NYSE: AWK) is the largest and most geographically diverse publicly traded U.S. water and wastewater utility company. The company employs 6,800 dedicated professionals who provide regulated and market-based drinking water, wastewater and other related services to an estimated 15 million people in 47 states and Ontario, Canada. More information can be found by visiting [www.amwater.com](http://www.amwater.com).*

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