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Iowa American Water to Award \$8,000 to Four Local Watershed Projects through 2018 Environmental Grant Program

Since program began in Iowa a decade ago, over \$76,000 in grants have been awarded to projects that improve, restore or protect local watersheds

DAVENPORT, IA (May 31, 2018) – Iowa American Water announced today that four local watershed initiatives will be awarded funding through the company's 2018 Environmental Grant Program. The recipients will share grant funds totaling \$8,000 for community projects that improve, restore or protect watersheds.

"Our Environmental Grant Program is designed to help organizations carry out projects that benefit our waterways, raise awareness about the importance of water in our lives and promote community participation," said Randy Moore, president of Iowa American Water. "We are pleased to support these worthwhile endeavors and extend our appreciation to the individuals and organizations that are making them happen."

Grant applications were evaluated by a panel of judges based on criteria such as environmental need, innovation, community engagement and sustainability.

Recipients of Iowa American Water's 2018 Environmental Grant Awards are as follows:

- **River Action, Inc. will be awarded a \$2,800 grant for its Urban Revitalization project.** River Action and proud partners will construct the alleyway found between Federal and Tremont Streets into a permeable alley to address nutrient runoff and urban flooding. As the first of its kind in Davenport, the project will act as a demonstration model for similar installations in the future to educate the community on the importance of best management practices.
- **Nahant Marsh Education Center will be awarded \$2,000 for its Clean Up and Bio Blitz program.** Nahant Marsh will host a Bio Blitz and three clean ups on a new 40-acre parcel. During the Bio Blitz, all species found will be documented and at least 250 people educated. Volunteers will also help up clean up at least 500 tires and other items discarded into the wetland.
- **Keep Scott County Beautiful/Xstream Clean-Up will be awarded \$1,700 for its Xstream Water Sampling Team project.** Beginning in spring 2018, the Xstream Water Sampling Team will set up to conduct water quality testing three times per year at 48 (or more) sites after the State of Iowa was unable to continue funding for the IOWATER program. The goal is to continue to obtain representative water quality data from area waterways and present this data in a meaningful format for communities, citizens and stakeholders, so that it can be used to improve service water quality which will in turn improve the quality of drinking water, increase viability for fish and other aquatic habitats and decrease flooding.

- **Clinton Substance Abuse Council/Gateway ImpACT Coalition will be awarded \$1,500 for its Clinton County Safe Medication Disposal Project.** The effort seeks to raise awareness of the environmental and public health effects of improper medication storage and disposal in Clinton County through a youth led social marketing campaign and youth leadership training. The goal is to increase knowledge of and participation in the Medication Drop Box Program with non-senior citizens.

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