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Tennessee American Water Proudly Recognizes American Water Charitable Foundation 2024 Water and Environment Grantees

Recipients include seven nonprofit organizations

[Chattanooga, TN] – May 31, 2024 – The American Water Charitable Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization established by American Water, the largest regulated water and wastewater utility company in the U.S., recently announced seven organizations in the community were awarded a Water and Environment grant.

“At Tennessee American Water, we are committed to serving the communities we live in by supporting initiatives that make a meaningful impact on the environment and the lives of neighbors and customers,” said Grant Evitts, President of Tennessee American Water. “We’re grateful that the American Water Charitable Foundation has included these local projects in this year’s Water and Environment Grant funding.”

The Water and Environment grant is part of the American Water Charitable Foundation’s Keep Communities Flowing Grant Program, focusing on three pillars of giving: Water, People and Communities. Below is a list of grantees and their projects in our area.

- WaterWays - Address litter and water quality through environmental education and community outreach in urban watersheds ($27,710)
- Reflection Riding Arboretum and Nature Center – Volunteer-driven clean-up of Lookout and Black Creeks during Tennessee River Rescue ($5,500)
- Orange Grove Center – Support for a garden to provide experiences to individuals with disabilities while improving campus biodiversity ($5,000)
- Council For Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services – Empower those in recovery through therapeutic gardening to cultivate hope, healing, and resilience ($5,000)
- City of East Ridge in partnership with Waterways – Community support clean-up of Spring and South Chickamauga Creeks as part of Tennessee River Rescue ($2,000)
- City of Red Bank in partnership with Green Steps - Stringers Branch clean-up on National Cleanup Day ($1,000)
- Happinest Wildlife Rehabilitation & Rescue – To support educational outreach through birds and their importance to the environment ($1,500)

"The American Water Charitable Foundation's support will further our efforts to address water quality and litter issues in our watersheds, particularly in our urban neighborhoods. Reaching out through environmental education and community programs, we hope to better open the doors to nature in our Chattanooga Creek watershed," said WaterWays Executive Director, Mary Beth Sutton. "We are grateful to the American Water Charitable Foundation and Tennessee American Water for their long-term partnership and support for our mission as we mark our 20th anniversary in protecting and restoring our waterways where we live, work and play."

Carrie Williams, President, American Water Charitable Foundation adds: “The American Water Charitable Foundation is delighted to partner with eligible nonprofit organizations across Tennessee. Funding for Water and Environment grants is allocated towards projects focused on clean water, conservation, environmental education, climate variability, and water-based recreation.”

Learn more about Tennessee American Water’s community impact, here.

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