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## **CN and America in Bloom Announce 2015 Community Greening Project Grant for Dyer, IN**

COLUMBUS, OHIO: CN and America in Bloom today announced that Dyer, IN will receive a matching grant of \$25,000 from the CN EcoConnexions *From the Ground Up* program in the United States. Grant funds will be used to plant more than 100 evergreen trees to provide a buffer between railroad tracks and adjacent residential communities. The city will contribute some 500 trees to complete the project along a one-mile corridor in three phases.

Six communities were selected in 2015 to receive grants totaling more than \$127,000 to create sustainable community greening and beautification projects. Local matches from recipients will bring the total investment to more than \$453,000.

CN EcoConnexions *From the Ground Up*, now in its second year in the U.S., provides opportunities for CN and the communities along its rail network to work together towards shared goals of environmental stewardship.

“CN is pleased to contribute to the projects that will provide environmental, health and social benefits to the communities,” said Claude Mongeau, CN president and chief executive officer. “The projects we’re seeing are outstanding for their scope and creativity. We are proud to be working together for the wellbeing of the communities on our network.”

Successful candidates were chosen based on selection criteria developed and overseen by CN’s program partner in the United States, America in Bloom, which also will provide guidance in the implementation of the selected projects.

“Our excitement about this program continues, and we’re extremely happy to be working with CN on this endeavor,” said Marvin Miller, America in Bloom’s immediate past president and program coordinator. “Together, we’re helping to bring more greening to American communities. We know that quality landscaping is a necessity rather than a luxury, and that green spaces and plants create places that people are proud to call home. ”

Since its launch in the U.S. in 2014, CN’s *From the Ground Up* program has granted awards to 10 community projects in the U.S. totaling \$213,100.

Other 2015 grant recipients are Kimberly, WI; Ferndale, MI; Dyer, IN; Newbern, TN; Warrenville, IL

For more details on the grant program, please check [www.AmericaInBloom.org/CN](http://www.AmericaInBloom.org/CN).

### **About CN**

CN (TSX: CNR)(NYSE: CNI) is a true backbone of the economy, transporting approximately C\$250 billion worth of goods annually for a wide range of business sectors, ranging from resource products to manufactured products to consumer goods, across a rail network spanning Canada and mid-America. CN – Canadian National Railway Company, along with its operating railway subsidiaries -- serves the cities and ports of Vancouver, Prince Rupert, B.C., Montreal, Halifax, New Orleans, and Mobile, Ala., and the metropolitan areas of Toronto, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Calgary, Chicago, Memphis, Detroit, Duluth, Minn./Superior, Wis., and Jackson, Miss., with connections to all points in North America. [www.cnfromthegroundup.ca](http://www.cnfromthegroundup.ca).

### **About America in Bloom**

America in Bloom envisions communities across the country as welcoming and vibrant places to live, work, and play - benefitting from colorful plants and trees; enjoying clean environments; celebrating heritage; and planting pride through volunteerism. America in Bloom promotes nationwide beautification through education and community involvement by encouraging the use of flowers, plants, trees, and other environmental and lifestyle enhancements. America in Bloom is an independent, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and contributions to AIB are tax deductible.

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