



MEDIA RELEASE

6/10/2016

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information, contact Laura Kunkle

aib@AmericaInBloom.org

614-453-0744

CN and America in Bloom Announce 2016 Community Greening Project Completion for Combined Locks, Wisconsin

COLUMBUS, OHIO: CN and America in Bloom today announced that Combined Locks, Wisconsin will celebrate completion of its Civic Center landscape project made possible in part through a matching grant of \$25,000 from the CN EcoConnexions *From the Ground Up* program in the United States.

The celebration takes place on June 21 at 5 p.m. at the Combined Locks Civic Center located at 405 Wallace Street, Combined Locks WI. The public is invited.

The celebration will highlight the replanting of over 25 trees and the installation of beautiful landscaping on the Combined Locks Civic Center Campus. Many mature trees on the Civic Center property were lost in the tornado that barreled through the Village on August 7, 2013. Through the generosity of CN Railroad and its CN EcoConnexions *From the Ground Up* grant, Combined Locks has been able to restore and enhance the beauty of the heart of the community. CN Railroad donated \$25,000 to replant trees throughout the Village that were damaged and has awarded a \$7,300 grant to further beautify the Combined Locks Civic Center Campus. As part of the grant requirements, Combined Locks participated in the America in Bloom national awards program. America in Bloom arranged for expert judges to help municipal leaders and volunteers identify community strengths with regard to Urban Forestry, Heritage Preservation, Landscaped Areas, Floral Displays, Environmental Efforts, and Overall Impression. Combined Locks is the reigning America in Bloom Champion for communities with a population of under 3500.

Bill Hahn of America in Bloom will be in attendance as well as a representative from CN.

CN EcoConnexions *From the Ground Up*, now in its third 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.”

“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 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 \$213,000.

Other 2015 grant recipients are: Kimberly, WI; Ferndale, MI and Dyer, IN.

For more details on the grant program, please check 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.

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.

###