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CN and America in Bloom Announce 2015 Community Greening Project Grant Recipients

COLUMBUS, OHIO - CN and America in Bloom today announced the recipients of 2015 grants for the CN EcoConnexions From the Ground Up program in the United States. Six communities were selected 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. For more details on the grant program, please check www.AmericaInBloom.org/CN.

Grant recipients are as follows:

Combined Locks, WI \$7,300

The Village of Combined Locks will beautify its Civic Center Complex, a 65-acre area that includes the Administrative Building active recreation and ball fields, and access to several miles of wooded trails. Village employees, Boy Scouts, soccer players, and volunteers from the Combined Locks Advancement Association will work together to plant trees, shrubs and plants.

Kimberly, WI \$25,000

The Village of Kimberly will plant 300 trees to anchor a central park project on a vacant parcel of land in the center of town. The village will create a pond and a central park corridor connecting downtown to the river front. The village estimates ongoing environmental and economic benefits from the tree planting project could be about \$22,800 annually as the trees mature.

Ferndale, MI \$25,000

The City of Ferndale will beautify property in and around Fair Park, a neighborhood linear park. City staff and volunteers will plant some 90 trees, 200 shrubs and over 800 plants and create a sitting area. The project also will create 50-100 raised beds to allow residents to cultivate their own plots in a new community garden. Dyer, IN \$25,000 The City of Dyer will 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 1 mile corridor in three phases.

Newbern, TN \$25,000

The City of Newbern will landscape and beautify several highly visible parcels parallel to residential, business and commercial zones. Where railroad tracks once traversed the town, civic groups in Newbern will cultivate colorful, hardy landscape plants. New ornamental trees, evergreen trees, ornamental shrubs and ornamental grasses will complement downtown streetscape improvements, such as street lights and sidewalks. Volunteer groups will supplement professional and municipal services to plant and maintain the enhancements.

Warrenville, IL \$20,045 The Leone Schmidt Heritage Park in the Old Town section contains historic landmarks and provides public access to the DuPage River. Landscape enhancements include functioning rain gardens which will protect water quality and help mitigate periodic flooding. The project will include the installation of five species of shade trees, two types of evergreen trees, six varieties of deciduous and evergreen shrubs, and 11 species of perennials.

Total: \$127,345.00

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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.