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NIPSCO Encourages Local Nonprofits to Apply for Environmental Action Grant
Funding opportunity announced for projects in northern Indiana

Merrillville, Ind. — NIPSCO is accepting applications for its environmental action grant to support local nonprofit organizations with environmental initiatives. In its fourth year, NIPSCO’s Environmental Action Grant aims to provide funding for restoration and education projects throughout northern Indiana.

“Our grant helps to improve the quality of the environment through many creative ways that might not otherwise be funded,” said Jennifer Montague, vice president of NIPSCO communications and external affairs. “Whether it’s environmental education, conservation and preservation, protecting endangered species, or beautifying neighborhoods, NIPSCO is passionate about supporting the efforts and organizations helping to make a positive difference in the communities where we work and live.”

Grants are available in the amount of \$500 to \$5,000 for organizations seeking funds for environmental restoration projects and education programs. Applications will be accepted through April 5, 2019, with grant awards announced the week of Earth Day, April 22.

Prior-year funding recipients included environmental groups, community groups, schools and other nonprofit organizations. In 2018, the NIPSCO Environmental Action Grant funded 15 projects with a total of \$50,000. Projects included habitat, shoreline, pond and wetland restoration; outdoor and environmental education; native seed planting; and more.

Nonprofit organizations with an environmental restoration or education project are invited to submit a grant request through NIPSCO’s online request portal at [NIPSCO.com/Community](https://www.nipSCO.com/Community). When submitting an application online, please select the “Environmental Stewardship” option in the Area of Impact drop-down box on the application. Creating opportunities for volunteerism is an important part of the grant, in addition to providing monetary support to the organization.

Eligible organizations must be a 501(c)(3) or other nonprofit, as determined by the Internal Revenue Service, with an environmental project focus and have a direct impact in the NIPSCO service area.

To learn about what else you can do to help support the environment, and to see what NIPSCO is doing, visit [NIPSCO.com/Environment](https://www.nipSCO.com/Environment).

About NIPSCO: Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO), with headquarters in Merrillville, Indiana, has proudly served the energy needs of northern Indiana for more than 100 years. As Indiana’s largest natural gas distribution company and the second-largest electric distribution company, NIPSCO serves approximately 810,000 natural gas and 460,000 electric customers across 32 counties. NIPSCO is part of NiSource’s (NYSE: NI) seven regulated utility companies. NiSource is one of the largest fully regulated utility companies in the United States, serving approximately 4 million natural gas and electric customers through its local Columbia Gas and NIPSCO brands. More information about NIPSCO and NiSource is available at [NIPSCO.com](https://www.nipSCO.com) and [NiSource.com](https://www.nisource.com).

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