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NIPSCO Announces Environmental Grant Winners

Merrillville, Ind. — NIPSCO is awarding 15 local nonprofit organizations with grants—totaling \$50,000—to help fund restoration and education projects throughout northern Indiana.

This year's winners include:

- Acres Land Trust
- Causes for International Change
- Fort Wayne Zoological Society
- Friends of Potato Creek State Park
- Indiana Dunes Environmental Learning Center
- La Porte County Soil & Water Conservation District
- Little River Wetlands
- Logan's Landing Association
- NICHES Land Trust
- Porter County Convention, Recreation & Visitor Commission
- Porter County Parks Foundation
- Pulaski County Soil & Water Conservation District
- Save the Dunes Conservation Fund
- The Child Care Consortium
- Trees Indiana

In its second year, NIPSCO's Environmental Grant has donated \$100,000, helping 29 projects come to fruition, including Lagoon Outlook Garden in Gary's Marquette Park, a project that promotes environmental education and outdoor enjoyment for people of all abilities, and Woodland Trails Guide, a training program to develop facilitators for urban forestry programs in 2017.

"It's astonishing to see what these organizations have accomplished," said Kelly Carmichael, environmental vice president for NiSource. "This grant is giving us the opportunity to expand our environmental initiatives and programs in our area."

To see what NIPSCO is doing to support the environment, visit 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 electricity distribution company, NIPSCO serves approximately 810,000 natural gas and 460,000 electricity 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 electricity customers through its local Columbia Gas and NIPSCO brands. More information about NIPSCO and NiSource is available at NIPSCO.com and www.nisource.com.

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