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NIPSCO Seeks Applicants for Environmental Action Grant
Funding opportunity for projects in northern Indiana

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

"Our Environmental Action Grant program is just one more way NIPSCO is improving the environment in which we all work and live," said Larry Graham, executive director of public affairs and communications. "Our goal is to fund much-needed environmental projects that otherwise might not happen."

Prior year funding recipients included environmental groups, community groups, schools and other non-profit organizations. In 2017, the NIPSCO Environmental Action Grant funded 15 projects totaling \$50,000. Projects included river conservation programming, watershed, pond, habitat and wetland restoration; urban forest education; native seed planting and more.

Grants are available in the amount of \$500 to \$5,000. Applications will be accepted through April 6, 2018, with grant awards announced the week prior to Earth Day, April 22.

Non-profit 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**. When submitting an application online, please select the "Environmental Action Grant" option in the Type of Support 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 non-profit 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**.

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 and www.nisource.com.

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