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## **NIPSCO Seeks Applications for New Environmental Grant**

*Aimed at funding environmental restoration and educational projects in northern Indiana*

**Merrillville, Ind.** — NIPSCO is announcing a new environmental grant to support local nonprofit organizations with environmental initiatives. The goal of NIPSCO's Environmental Action Grant is to provide funding for restoration and education projects throughout northern Indiana.

"There are a lot of creative ways to effectively and efficiently help protect the environment," said Larry Graham, managing director of public affairs. "We want this grant funding to encourage innovative and needed environmental projects that otherwise might not happen."

Grants are available in the amount of \$500 to \$5,000. Applications will be accepted through March 31, 2016, with grant awards announced during the week of Earth Day, April 22.

Creating opportunities for volunteerism is an important part of the new grant, in addition to providing monetary support to the recipient organizations.

Nonprofit organizations with a mission to support the environment 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 dropdown box on the application.

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**.

**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](http://NIPSCO.com) and [www.nisource.com](http://www.nisource.com).

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