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DEM AWARDS GRANTS FOR 2011 EARTH DAY CLEANUPS AND BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS

In celebration of the 41st anniversary of Earth Day, the Department of Environmental Management has awarded a total of \$37,500 for 59 Earth Day grants to cleanup and beautification organizers in non-profit organizations and municipalities throughout the state. Funding for these grants is being provided by J.R. Vinagro Corporation/Patriot Disposal Co. Inc. of Johnston.

Interest in the 2011 grant program was tremendous and more than 110 organizations requested a total of approximately \$71,000 through the program. Earth Day events will be held by grant recipients throughout April and early May.

Grant awards ranged from \$275 up to \$750 with the average grant being approximately \$635. The goals of the grant program are to highlight Earth Day and the value of the environment and to recognize the importance of people improving the quality of life in their communities.

DEM encourages residents to participate in an Earth Day cleanup event this spring. A new web site, www.KeepRISclean.org, is a clearinghouse for neighborhood, park, and river cleanup events statewide. Save the Bay founded the website to increase awareness about local cleanups.

If you would like additional information about any of these grants and the cleanup/beautification event scheduled by this organization/municipality, please use the corresponding web address below to contact the organization/municipality directly. Website addresses were provided by the organization on their grant application.

2011 Award Recipients:

| Organization | Community | For More Information, Please Visit: |
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| Town of Bristol | Bristol | www.bristolri.us |
| Pineview Little League | Pawtucket | See the Pineview Little League Facebook page for more info. |
| Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association | Hope Valley | www.wpwa.org |
| West Greenwich Land Trust | West Greenwich | www.wglandtrust.org |
| Wilbur/McMahon Schools | Little Compton | www.littlecomptonschools.org |
| Aldrich Junior High | Warwick | |
| Pawtuxet Village Association | Cranston | www.pawtuxetvillageassociation.org |
| Edgewood Girls Softball League | Cranston | |
| Hope Highlands School | Cranston | www.cpsed.net/hopehighlands |
| Pettaquamscutt Terrace Improvement Association | Narragansett | www.ptassociation.info |
| Pawtuxet River Authority & Watershed Council | Hope | www.pawtuxet.org |
| North Smithfield Conservation Commission | Slatersville | www.nsconservation.org |

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| Johnston Historical Society | Johnston | |
| Burrilville Historical & Preservation Society | Pascoag | www.bhps.org |
| Town of Coventry Parks & Recreation | Coventry | www.town.coventry.ri.us |
| Save the Bay | Providence | www.savebay.org/volunteer |
| Friends of the Moshassuck | Providence | www.neighborhoodlink.com/NAP- Neighborhood Alliance of Pawtucket |
| Friends of India Point Park | Providence | www.friendsofindiapointpark.org |
| Blackstone Parks Conservancy | Providence | www.blackstoneparksconservancy.org |
| Stone Hill School | Cranston | www.cpsed.net/stonehil |
| Cumberland Land Trust | Cumberland | |
| Lights Out, Green In | Johnston | www.lightsoutgreenin.org |
| Apponaug Area Improvement Assoc. | Warwick | www.volunteer.united-e-way.org/vcri |
| Warren Conservation Commission | Warren | www.warrenconservation.org |
| Providence Housing Authority | Providence | |
| City of Newport | Newport | www.cityofnewport.com/cleancity |
| NeighborWorks Blackstone River Valley | Woonsocket | See the NeighborWorks Blackstone Valley Facebook page for more info. |
| Warwick National Little League | Warwick | www.eteamz.com/warwicknational |
| A Better Community - Burrilville Middle School | Harrisville | https://sites.google.com/a/bsd-ri.net/7-greene/homework |
| The Pawtucket Foundation | Pawtucket | |
| Orlo Avenue School | East Providence | |
| Park View Middle School | Cranston | www.cpsed.net/pview |
| Serve Rhode Island | Providence | www.serverhodeisland.org |
| Rebuilding Together Providence | Providence | www.rebuildingtogetherprovidence.org |
| Glen Hills Elementary School | Cranston | https://sites.google.com/site/glenhillspqgh/index |
| East Bay Community Action Program | Newport | www.ebcap.org |
| WaterFire Providence | Providence | www.waterfire.org/earth-day-2011 |
| Friends of Bucklin Park | Providence | See the Bucklin Park Facebook page for more info. |
| Community Preparatory School | Providence | www.communityprep.org/schoollife/prepplus.html |
| Prudence Conservancy | Prudence Island | |
| Southside Community Land Trust | Providence | www.southsideclt.org |
| Westerly High School | Westerly | http://whs.westerly.k12.ri.us |
| Kent County Junior Chambers "Jaycees" | West Warwick | www.gogreenri.org/events/earth-day-41st-anniversary |
| Oaklawn Grange PofH#42 | Cranston | See the Oak Lawn Grange Facebook page for more info. |
| New Urban Farmers | Pawtucket | www.newurbanfarmers.org |
| New Shoreham Conservation Commission | Block Island | |
| Dr Martin Luther King Jr Elementary School | Providence | |
| Children's Friend & Service | Providence | www.childrensfriendri.org |
| Clean Water Action | Providence | www.cleanwateraction.org/ri |
| Pawtucket Valley Preservation & Historical Society | West Warwick | |
| Pawtucket Housing Authority | Pawtucket | www.neighborhoodlink.com/NAP- Neighborhood Alliance of Pawtucket |
| The Groden Center | Providence | |
| RiverzEdge Arts Project | Woonsocket | www.riverzedgearts.org |
| Vartan Gregorian Elementary School | Providence | www.vgpto.wordpress.com |
| Norman Bird Sanctuary | Middletown | www.normanbirdsantuary.org |
| Fox Point Neighborhood Association | Providence | www.fpna.net |
| The Ryse School | Wood River Junction | www.chariho.k12.ri.us |
| Slater Mill | Pawtucket | www.slatermill.org |
| Beautiful Beginnings Child Care Center | Providence | www.bbchildcareri.org |

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