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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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Dear 2010 Earth Day Cleanup and Beautification Project Coordinator:

We are pleased to inform you that the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) has approved your request for an Earth Day Clean Up/Beautification Grant. You should have received an email from us recently announcing your success.

Interest in the 2010 Earth Day grants was tremendous and nearly 130 organizations requested a total of approximately \$185,000 through the program. As such, very few organizations/municipalities will receive the full amount of funding requested. Your organization is one of sixty-three organizations that has been selected to share a portion of the \$37,500 available through the program this year. Funding for these grants is being provided by J.R. Vinagro Corp. of Johnston.

This April celebrates the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. 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. The grants are intended to be used for activities connected to a volunteer community cleanup or beautification initiative, or both.

The projects must be completed between now and May 15, 2010. **Proof that the activity was carried out successfully and in accordance with the proposal must be submitted to DEM no later than May 31, 2010.**

Copies of the following will be accepted as proof that the event was held as proposed to DEM in your application: receipts, photos with date stamps, fliers used to promote the event, news articles and other press coverage. DEM will follow-up with questions when warranted.

Proof should be sent by mail to: DEM / Office of Customer & Technical Assistance, Attention: Andrew Manca, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908; or by e-mail to andrew.manca@dem.ri.gov. Failure to provide proof will impact future grant opportunities and will be the subject of an inquiry by DEM.

DEM intends to post a list of all the wonderful events happening with this grant funding on its website. We are aware that dates and times may change in response to weather conditions and other unforeseen circumstances. As such, we will simply provide a link to the web address where you indicated you would advertise your event as submitted in your original application to DEM.

While it is not required, you may recognize DEM and/or J.R. Vinagro Corporation in your project/program publicity. In addition, DEM may contact you in coming weeks to confirm the date and time of your project in the event someone from DEM chooses to participate.

For more information about any aspect of your grant, please contact Andy Manca at (401) 222-6822 Ext. 2022 or andrew.manca@dem.ri.gov. We wish you all the best with your event, and please keep an eye out next year for another round of Earth Day Cleanup and Beautification grants.