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Sweet Water Announces the Award of \$24,000 to Local Groups for Green Infrastructure Projects

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(Milwaukee, Wisconsin) – Sweet Water is pleased to announce the recipients for the 2011 Green Infrastructure Mini-Grant Program. A total of \$24,010 will be awarded to support 8 projects sited in the Kinnickinnic and Menomonee watersheds. The projects were ranked by their potential to improve water quality, to raise awareness about water quality issues, to leverage partnerships, to be replicated in other areas in the watershed, and on the capacity of the group seeking support to implement and sustain the project.

The awards, ranging from \$2600 to \$4,000, were made to neighborhood and civic associations and non-profit organizations as part of a competitive process that drew 12 applications from the Kinnickinnic and Menomonee watersheds. Funding for the 2011 Mini-grant Program was made possible through the generous support of the Fund for Lake Michigan, the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, Wisconsin Energy Foundation and CH2M HILL.

The 2011 Mini-Grant recipients and their projects are:

- 16th Street Community Health Center – Peoples Park with Stormwater BMPs
- Groundwork Milwaukee – Kinnickinnic Neighborhood BMP Project
- Holler Park Neighborhood Association – Rain Gardens and Trail Improvement Project
- Milwaukee Riverkeeper – Human Bacteria Sample Testing
- Milwaukee Riverkeeper – Lily Creek Stabilization Project
- Milwaukee Riverkeeper – Illicit Discharge Detection Using Sewer Sniffing Dogs
- Holler Park Neighborhood Association -- Garden District Neighborhood Rain Garden Match Program
- Friends of Hart Park – Stream Bank Restoration

Jeff Martinka, Executive Director Sweet Water, commented, “These projects will not only help to advance water quality but will also serve as models to inspire other community groups to get involved with water quality improvements on a neighborhood and community scale.”

Sweet Water has opened a 2nd round for the submission of mini-grant proposals for 2011 with proposals due on December 30, 2011. For more information about 2nd round of request for proposals and the mini-grant program, visit Sweet Water’s website at <http://www.swwtwater.org/home/SweetWaterMini-GrantProgram.cfm>.

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Sweet Water, the Southeastern Wisconsin Watersheds Trust, is a nonprofit organization created in 2008 as a partnership of local governments, nonprofit organizations, businesses, academia, and individuals working collectively to improve the water resources in the 1,100 square miles of Greater Milwaukee Watersheds. The Mini-Grants were announced at Sweet Water's 7th Annual Clean Rivers, Clean Lake Conference held Wednesday.

For more information on Sweet Water, visit www.swwtwater.org or contact Jeff Martinka, Executive Director, at 414-382-1766 or via martinka@swwtwater.org.

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