Pennsylvania American Water Proudly Recognizes American Water Charitable Foundation 2025 Water and Environment Grantees

Recipients include 16 nonprofit organizations across Pennsylvania totaling \$180,000

MECHANICSBURG, Pa. (April 24, 2025) – The American Water Charitable Foundation, a philanthropic non-profit organization established by American Water (NYSE: AWK), the largest regulated water and wastewater utility company in the U.S., recently announced that 16 organizations throughout Pennsylvania American Water's service area were awarded 2025 Water and Environment grants totaling \$180,000.

"Stroud Water Research Center is grateful to receive an American Water Charitable Foundation Water and Environment grant, allowing us to expand equitable access to hands-on watershed education for K–12 students and community members across Chester County and beyond," said Tara Muenz, the center's assistant director of education. "Through immersive, nature-based activities like canoeing and fishing, participants will connect with their local waterways in meaningful ways. The experience is designed not just to inform, but to empower individuals with the knowledge and confidence to take everyday actions that safeguard and sustain clean water for all."

The Water and Environment Grant is part of the American Water Charitable Foundation's Keep Communities Flowing Grant Program, focusing on three pillars of giving: Water, People and Communities.

"As a provider of safe, clean water and wastewater service for customers across Pennsylvania, a commitment to the well-being of the environment and our watersheds is at the heart of all we do. We understand that as a company, we play an important role in protecting, restoring and enhancing these shared resources, but we also know we can't do it alone," said Pennsylvania American President Justin Ladner, who also serves on the foundation's board of trustees. "We – along with the American Water Charitable Foundation – are thankful for the many dedicated community partners we're able to collaborate with and support as they work to address environmental concerns, offer educational resources and help ensure the health and vitality of our state for generations to come."

Below is a list of grantees throughout Pennsylvania, along with details on their respective projects:

- Allegheny CleanWays Clean up illegal dumping and litter on Allegheny County waterways (\$5,000)
- <u>Central Pennsylvania Conservancy</u> Provide user amenities, passive recreational opportunities and ecological enhancements to public preserves (\$15,000)
- <u>Greener Partners</u> Create a school garden at Hancock Elementary for discovery-based education (\$5,000)
- Lacawac Sanctuary Foundation Offer a citizen-led program that

empowers communities to monitor, understand and protect northeastern Pennsylvania's lake water quality (\$5,000)

- <u>Lehman Sanctuary</u> Deliver essential watershed science education to regional teachers (\$5,000)
- Main Street York Construct a waterfront trail, critical flood infrastructure upgrades and connections to the City of York's neighborhoods (\$20,000)
- <u>Pennsylvania Environmental Council</u> Fund cleanup efforts and waste disposal in the Susquehanna River and Lackawanna River watersheds (\$10.000)
- <u>Pennsylvania Envirothon</u> Support annual high school science competition teaching environmental knowledge and skills (\$15,000)
- <u>Pennsylvania Resources Council</u> Provide rain barrels and watershed protection education to Butler and Monongahela Valley residents (\$20,000) and education and empower residents of Norristown to protect watersheds (\$10,000)
- <u>Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy</u> Construct a community-designed gathering space with green infrastructure in McKinley Park (\$20,000)
- <u>Schuylkill River Greenway Association</u> Connect local communities to the Schuylkill River through equitable access at Reeser's Landing (\$10,000)
- <u>Seneca Valley Foundation</u> Enhance the Seneca Valley Fishery to encourage hands-on learning along school campus (\$5,000)
- <u>Stroud Water Research Center</u> Offer education programs to inform community members on how to improve their choices to protect watersheds (\$10,000)
- <u>Three Rivers Waterkeeper</u> Expand watershed stewardship and education programs in the Monongahela Valley (\$10,000)
- <u>Tree Pittsburgh</u> Distribute 200 trees at local community events (\$5,000)
- York City Parks Conservancy Construct a new woodland playground and ADA-accessible restrooms in an historic Farquhar Park (\$10,000)

"Pennsylvania Resources Council and Pennsylvania American Water are longtime partners in promoting water conservation and stormwater management," said the organization's deputy director, Sarah Alessio Shea. "We appreciate American Water Charitable Foundation's support for a program that protects watersheds from Norristown to Butler and the Mon Valley."

Learn more about Pennsylvania American Water's community impact here.

About American Water

American Water (NYSE: AWK) is the largest regulated water and wastewater utility company in the United States. With a history dating back to 1886, We Keep Life Flowing® by providing safe, clean, reliable and affordable drinking water and wastewater services to more than 14 million people with regulated operations in 14 states and on 18 military installations. American Water's 6,700 talented professionals leverage their significant expertise and the company's national size and scale to achieve excellent outcomes for the benefit of customers, employees, investors and other stakeholders.

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About American Water Charitable Foundation

The American Water Charitable Foundation, a philanthropic non-profit

organization established by American Water, focuses on three pillars of giving: Water, People, and Communities. Since 2012, the Foundation has invested more than \$20 million in funding through grants and matching gifts to support eligible organizations in communities served by American Water. The Foundation is funded by American Water shareholders and has no impact on customer rates. For more information, visit amwater.com/awcf.

About Pennsylvania American Water

Pennsylvania American Water, a subsidiary of American Water, is the largest regulated water utility in the state, providing safe, clean, reliable and affordable water and wastewater services to approximately 2.4 million people.

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