

## United Water Green Infrastructure Grant Recipients

### 2008 Recipients-

**The American Society of Civil Engineers**, \$20,000 for its Indianapolis Pilot Rain Garden Project, which highlights the benefits of green solutions for improving stormwater quality and reducing flows into the collection system.

**Cottage Home Neighborhood Association**, \$20,000 for its Community Space Project. The funds will help create a multi-use, multi-generational green community space that can be used as an example of environmental stewardship, especially responsible stormwater management techniques.

**Keep Indianapolis Beautiful**, \$20,000 for its Parking Lot Project. KIB's new headquarters in Fountain Square is going green and this grant will fund construction of a porous concrete parking lot.

**Southeast Neighborhood Development (SEND)**, \$20,000 for its Green Roof Project, which will provide an accessible, educational example of how local businesses can benefit from and adapt sustainable architecture and greenscaping.

**Binford Redevelopment and Growth (BRAG)**, \$20,000 for its Native Plants Swale Project. The grant will pay for planting of additional native vegetation along Binford Blvd. on the city's northeast side, improving drainage, reducing breeding grounds for mosquitoes and reducing the risk of motorists hydroplaning on the roadway.

### 2009 Recipients-

**Indianapolis Downtown Inc**, \$5,000 for the Pilot Downtown Street Rain Garden. This project is intended to enhance Downtown Indianapolis' green infrastructure and beauty. It will be designed to mitigate and filter stormwater runoff by allowing water to permeate the surface through plant and soil materials. This pilot program will serve as a model and catalyst for future projects through development of a successful "rain garden" in a prominent urban area with maximum visibility to Downtown visitors, employees and residents.

**Butler University's Center for Urban Ecology**, \$19,935 for their Cisterns and Rain Barrel program. The purpose of this grant is install rain barrels and cisterns as stormwater collection devices and irrigation sources for community gardens at strategic building sites around Indianapolis. These sites are spread across diverse neighborhoods including Broad Ripple, Rocky Ripple, Butler-Tarkington, Fall Creek Martindale-Brightwood, and Fountain Square.

**Indy Cultural Trail**, \$20,000 for their Stormwater Project. This initiative will construct 26 stormwater planters along Virginia Avenue from Pennsylvania Street to Shelby Street. Specifically, the stormwater planters improve the water quality of our streams and rivers by filtering and removing sediments and pollutants, decreasing volumes, slowing velocity, and reducing the temperature of stormwater runoff entering our waterways. Funding from United Water will help complete of approximately three stormwater planters.

**HealthNet**, \$20,000 for the Green Community Health Center Project. The purpose of this grant is to support the expansion and renovation of a Masonic Lodge as the new home for HealthNet's Southwest Health Center. Their design will include green stormwater management, including a parking lot composed of pervious pavers, bioswales, and a live retention wall. The creation of this state-of-the-art, eco-friendly green health center will be one of the first in Indiana.

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**Pike Youth Soccer**, \$20,000 for their Parking Lot Project. The purpose of this grant is support Phase 5 of this initiative with an environmentally friendly porous concrete project, paving the Entrance Road for the Mayor's Community Gardens and Eagle Creek Greenway Trail at Mary & John Geisse Soccer Complex and Eagle Creek Park. A major contributor to this project is IndyParks another great partner with United Water.

**The Nature Conservancy**, \$20,000 for the Green Roof Project. The purpose of this grant is support the new construction to their building, in downtown Indianapolis. It will include design elements and features that maximize energy efficiency, reduce unnecessary water use, make use of locally sourced materials, reduce our contribution to the urban heat island effect, use native plants for landscaping, and minimizes storm water runoff from the site.

2010 recipients-

**Efficient Systems**: \$16,000 for the Rainwater Harvest Collection Project. The purpose of this grant is to install a 2,500 gallon underground cistern for the purpose of flushing toilets, supplying hose bibs on the exterior and future irrigation.

**IndyTilth/Double8 Foods**: \$20,000 for the Double 8 Foods Rain Garden Project. The purpose of this grant is to install rain gardens and an above-ground cistern that will manage 100 percent of the parcel's stormwater on-site, reduce storm drain silting, and help to mitigate combined sewer overflow (CSO) events.

**Southeast Neighborhood Development (SEND)**: \$20,000 for the East Street Flats Project. The purpose of this grant is to install green infrastructure for stormwater management as a part of the overall Flats development and to reduce the amount of impervious surface associated with the Flats. This will limit the amount of impervious surface, which will reduce stormwater run-off into the City's Combined Sewer Overflow system.

**Marian University**: \$20,000 for the Rain Garden Project. The purpose of this grant is to provide the new Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine with a rain garden to provide better absorption of rainwater from the center. This will be home to Indiana's second medical school, a LEED gold facility.

**City Market**: \$20,000 for the Stormwater Reclamation Project. The purpose of this grant is to repair downspouts around the facility and remove downspout oxidation from the stone on the building. This project will become the first step in creating a system of rainwater storage and distribution for the new public toilet facilities and restoration of the fountain.

**John H. Boner Community Center**: \$20,000 for the Near Eastside Legacy Center's Green Roof Project. The purpose of this grant is to provide the area with an accessible and educational example of how the neighborhood can benefit from sustainable architecture (living green roof) and greenscaping.

*4<sup>th</sup> and final cycle of grants slated for October 2011*