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RE: Great Lakes Clean Communities Network
Community Partnership Program Recipients

The Great Lakes Clean Communities Network (GLCCN), with support from the Great Lakes Protection Fund, has awarded \$36,000 for projects through the Network's Community Partnership Program (CPP). The CPP is a kick starter program that initiates improvements and tracking of ecological health at a community level by pairing local innovative practices that improve water quality with an online ecological scorecard.

"I see the CCP as a great opportunity to support communities' desires to improve their local environment by providing a framework to measure and track ecological health improvements," said Jeremiah Asher, Project Manager of the GLCCN.

Selected projects include floating wetlands, streambank restoration, slope stabilization, and installation of rain gardens and other green infrastructure. The following organizations are 2016 CPP recipients:

Blandford Nature Center
Clinton River Watershed Council
Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation
International Wildlife Refuge Alliance
Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Council
Muskegon Community College
North Corktown Neighborhood Association
Outdoor Discovery Center Macatawa Greenway
Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

The GLCCN is a growing network of water, natural resources and environmental professionals working in the Great Lakes Basin to enhance their local environment and improve the health of the Great Lakes. Coordinated by the Michigan State University Institute of Water Research and funded through the Great Lakes Protection Fund, the GLCCN also includes an Ecological Scorecard (EcoScore) where communities can evaluate and track their ecological improvements over time.

For more information on the Great Lakes Clean Communities Network visit: www.glccn.org or contact Laura Young at youngla9@msu.edu.