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## DEM and RIRRC AWARDS GRANTS FOR 2014 EARTH DAY CLEANUP PROJECTS

In celebration of Earth Day, the Department of Environmental Management and Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation have awarded a total of \$16,850 for 38 Earth Day grants to cleanup organizers in non-profit organizations and municipalities throughout the state. Funding for these grants is a result of a community service payment made by Southern Union pursuant to a court order dated November 12, 2013 as a penalty for a mercury spill at the Tidewater site in Pawtucket in 2004.

Grant awards were distributed in two tiers, \$250 or \$500. The goal of the grant program is 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. All Earth Day cleanup projects that receive funding through this grant program will be completed between April 1 and May 17.

DEM encourages residents to participate in an Earth Day cleanup event this spring. Below is a list of grant awardees and links (if provided by the organization) to their website. The dates listed were provided by the organizations on their application. Please contact the organization directly to confirm the dates if you are interested in participating.

### **2014 Award Recipients:**

Jaycees of Kent County West	Warwick	<a href="http://www.kentcountyjaycees.org">www.kentcountyjaycees.org</a>	4/19, 4/25, 4/26, 5/10
Town of Foster - Conservation	Foster		4/26
Warwick Historical Cemetery Commission	Warwick	<a href="http://www.volunteermatch.org">www.volunteermatch.org</a>	4/26
Warren Conservation Commission	Warren	<a href="http://www.warrenconservation.org">www.warrenconservation.org</a>	4/26
Boone Lake Dam Management District	Wyoming	<a href="http://www.boonelakeri.org">www.boonelakeri.org</a>	4/26
Buckeye Brook Coalition	Warwick	<a href="http://www.buckeyebrook.org">www.buckeyebrook.org</a>	4/5
Christ the King Church	Kingston	<a href="http://www.ckri.org">www.ckri.org</a>	4/6
Town of Burrillville Parks & Recreation	Pascoag	<a href="http://www.burrillville.org/refuse">www.burrillville.org/refuse</a>	4/26
Town of Smithfield	Smithfield	<a href="http://smithfieldri.com/recycling">http://smithfieldri.com/recycling</a>	4/19
Sogkonate Garden Club	Little Compton		4/12
Friends of India Point Park	Providence	<a href="mailto:info@friendsofindiapointpark.org">info@friendsofindiapointpark.org</a>	4/26
West Greenwich Land Trust	West Greenwich	<a href="http://www.wglandtrust.org">www.wglandtrust.org</a>	4/27
Mount Hope Farm	Bristol	<a href="http://www.mounthopefarm.org">www.mounthopefarm.org</a>	4/26
Keep Bristol Clean	Bristol		4/26
Little Compton School Department	Little Compton	<a href="http://www.littlecomptonschools.org">www.littlecomptonschools.org</a>	5/1
West Broadway Neighborhood Association	Providence	<a href="http://www.wbna.org">www.wbna.org</a>	4/26
City of East Providence (Crescent Park)	East Providence	<a href="http://www.eastprovidenceri.net">www.eastprovidenceri.net</a>	4/26
Greater North End Community Development	Westerly		5/10
Community Works RI	Providence		4/22
City of East Providence (Rose Larisa Park)	East Providence	<a href="http://www.eastprovidenceri.net">www.eastprovidenceri.net</a>	4/26
Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council (Hillside Ave)	Providence	<a href="http://www.wrwc.org">www.wrwc.org</a>	5/10
Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council (Riverside Mills Park)	Providence	<a href="http://www.wrwc.org">www.wrwc.org</a>	4/26
Save the Bay	Providence	<a href="http://www.savethebay.org/volunteer">www.savethebay.org/volunteer</a>	4/26, 5/10
Rebuilding Together Providence	Providence	<a href="http://www.rebuildingtogetherprovidence.org">www.rebuildingtogetherprovidence.org</a>	4/26, 4/27, 5/4
City of Central Falls Parks & Recreation	Central Falls	<a href="http://centralfallsri.us">http://centralfallsri.us</a>	4/19
Pawtuxet River Authority	Hope	<a href="http://www.pawtuxet.org">www.pawtuxet.org</a>	4/12, 4/13
Vartan Gregorian Elem. School PTO	Providence	On Facebook: "Friends of Cabral Park"	4/12
Riverzedge Arts	Woonsocket		4/25
Oaklawn Grange #42	Cranston		5/10
Old Slater Mill Association	Pawtucket	<a href="http://www.slatermill.org">www.slatermill.org</a>	4/19

Inspiring Minds	Providence	4/19
Melrose Elementary School	Jamestown	5/3
City of Newport	Newport	4/12, 4/22
Smithfield Conservation Commission	Smithfield	4/29, 4/30
Town of North Smithfield - Recycling	Slatersville	5/10
Rhody Rovers Motorcycle Club	West Kingston	4/26
Southside Community Land Trust	Providence	4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26
Bristol Land Conservation Trust	Bristol	4/12

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