# **2014 Five Star and Urban Waters Projects**

#### **Alabama**

Project Title: Genetta Watershed Restoration and Community Education (AL)

**Organization:** City of Montgomery

Award Amount: \$29,450

Project Location: Site is located on 4 acres adjacent to Interstate 65 in Montgomery, Alabama.

**Project Description:** Add restorative features at Genetta Park and engage local students and residents on water quality and community roles. Project will plant 15 trees and remove invasive species and

debris on 2.5 acres in the wetland.

Project Title: Habitat Enhancement for the Watercress Darter (AL)

**Organization:** Freshwater Land Trust

Award Amount: \$30,000

Project Location: Roebuck Springs, located at the Hawkins Park Recreation Center approximately 9

miles east of downtown Birmingham, Jefferson County, AL.

**Project Description:** Enhance habitat for the watercress darter at Roebuck Springs and educate a large audience on the importance of Alabama's endangered species. Project will also remove part of an impervious parking lot that runs within feet of the spring run and install bioswales, which will help control stormwater runoff and increase available habitat for the watercress darter.

**Project Title:** Mill Creek Urban Stream and Outdoor Classroom Restoration (AL)

**Organization:** Auburn University **Award Amount:** \$39,988.10

**Project Location:** Mill Creek behind Phenix City Intermediate School campus in Phenix City, AL. **Project Description:** Restore 400 linear feet of an urban stream in Phenix City, AL. Project will incorporate water quality education into local curricula to use with a renovated outdoor classroom.

**Project Title:** Restoration at Village Creek through the EcoScape Program (AL)

**Organization:** Birmingham-Southern College

Award Amount: \$28,750

Project Location: Property is located on the banks of Village Creek in Ensley on vacant City of

Birmingham land in Alabama.

**Project Description:** Establish a riparian restoration and education program at one of the most damaged locations of Village Creek by establishing a .30 acre bioswale/EcoScape park. Project will

restore conditions for species diversity and overall habitat health in Village Creek.

#### Arizona

Project Title: Greening Wilson Elementary School District (AZ)

Organization: City of Phoenix Award Amount: \$30,000 Project Location: East Phoenix

**Project Description:** Construct 600 feet of engineered desert riparian habitat in a low-income Phoenix neighborhood that will serve to build the capacity of students and residents to sustain healthy urban ecosystems. Project will educate residents about the importance of this riparian habitat and provide them with the knowledge and tools to reintegrate desert riparian habitats back into their

neighborhoods.

Project Title: Making Space for Monarchs and Students in Phoenix (AZ)

**Organization:** University of Arizona Board of Regents

**Award Amount:** \$29,209.40

Project Location: The Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area in Phoenix, AZ.

**Project Description:** Restore Monarch butterfly habitat along the riparian corridor, providing students with the opportunity to make a difference in their community and environment. Project will provide 1,320 students with the opportunity to participate in the Water Investigations Program, a year-long study of water that includes three units of study: Water Resources and Supply, Water Use, and Water in

the Environment.

#### California

Project Title: Ballona Creek Watershed Restoration (CA)

Organization: Los Angeles Audubon Society

Award Amount: \$39,940

**Project Location:** Project connects two locations of the Ballona Creek watershed within Los Angeles urban core: Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook State Park to the Santa Monica Bay at the Pacific Ocean. **Project Description:** Restore acres of wetlands and coastal habitat. Project will provide hands-on

learning with an environmental curriculum and student mentorship.

**Project Title:** Centennial Creek Restoration (CA)

**Organization:** Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District

Award Amount: \$30,000

**Project Location:** Centennial Creek is a highly visible waterway flowing alongside a community

greenbelt trail in Centennial Park located in Paso Robles, California.

**Project Description:** Partner with the City of Paso Robles, National Resources Conservation Service, One Cool Earth, and Terra Verde to restore the natural ecology of Centennial Creek, a tributary of the Upper Salinas River. This project will achieve awareness through a personalized community based social marketing campaign and teach low impact design techniques to neighboring residents for successful, long-term stormwater maintenance in this densely populated urban area.

Project Title: Los Angeles River Rover Urban Wildlife Refuge Partnership (CA)

Organization: Friends of the Los Angeles River

Award Amount: \$24,975

Project Location: The Los Angeles River between the San Fernando Valley and Long Beach

**Project Description:** Engage community members through school and public education programming and the Los Angeles River Rover. Project will educate community members about the valuable resources that the River provides for wildlife and the opportunities for the public to recreate along its banks.

**Project Title:** Muir Beach Stewardship and Community Engagement (CA)

**Organization:** Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy

Award Amount: \$37,500

Project Location: Redwood Creek Watershed at Muir Beach, CA

**Project Description:** Building on a multi-year effort to remove barriers to natural floodplain function, engage a diverse range of community members to restore native habitat in the Redwood Creek Watershed at Muir Beach. Project will provide a valuable, hands-on environmental education experience while also accomplishing critical habitat restoration tasks.

Project Title: Planting for the Future: Community Based Riparian Restoration (CA)

**Organization:** Mattole Restoration Council

Award Amount: \$29,900

Project Location: Project activities will take place near Petrolia, Humboldt County, CA on riparian

floodplains along the lower 5 miles of the Mattole River and the Mattole Estuary.

**Project Description:** Enhance a partnership between local watershed organizations, schools, and agencies while providing extensive opportunities for community members of all ages to participate in local restoration. Project will include collecting 100 pounds of native seed, propagating 15,000 plants, planting installations, invasive plant removal, and site monitoring.

Project Title: San Francisco Bay Community-based Restoration and Education (CA)

**Organization:** Save The Bay **Award Amount:** \$30,000

Project Location: Project sites at Ravenswood Pond SF-2, Menlo Park, Faber/Laumeister Marshes, East

Palo Alto, Palo Alto Baylands, Palo Alto, Eden Landing Ecological Reserve, Hayward, Creekside

Park, Greenbrae, MLK Jr.

**Project Description:** Restore 16.68 acres of wetland habitat, engage 4,500 community volunteers, educate 2,000 (800 low income) students with Save The Bay partners to ensure a cleaner and healthier San Francisco Bay. Project will increase the wetland habitat that will improve the ability of marshes to increase coastal resiliency, expand holding capacity during flood events, re-introduce and re-establish native plant species, control non-native and invasive plant species, and increase native plant biodiversity and higher quality Bay-wide tidal marsh habitat.

### Colorado

**Project Title:** Community Greening and Restoration Initiative (CO)

**Organization:** Environmental Learning for Kids

Award Amount: \$30,000

Project Location: The Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge

**Project Description:** Transform a degraded detention pond into a destination natural area with off street connection to a National Wildlife Refuge. Project will educate the community about the sources,

fate, and threats to the water their communities depend on.

Project Title: Fountain Creek Watershed Fire Restoration Initiative (CO)

Organization: Rocky Mountain Field Institute

Award Amount: \$30,000

Project Location: Project sites located in and around Colorado Springs including the Waldo Canyon Fire

site and the Black Forest Fire site.

**Project Description:** Complete fire restoration and flood mitigation work in both the Waldo Canyon Fire scar and the Black Forest Fire scar. Project will promote healthy ecosystem recovery and community involvement.

#### Connecticut

**Project Title:** Urban Oases in New Haven, Urban Wildlife Refuge Partnership (CT)

**Organization:** National Audubon Society

**Award Amount:** \$39,888.24

**Project Location:** The West River Watershed in New Haven

**Project Description:** Provide habitat for migrating songbirds and improve watershed health while engaging the community in environmental learning, citizen science and stewardship. Project will educate students, their families, neighborhood groups, and the general public about the value of urban green spaces for watershed health and native wildlife, and demonstrate how to reduce pesticide use, create riparian buffer habitat, and provide quality habitat for Species of Concern.

### **Florida**

**Project Title:** Bayou Grande Living Shorelines (FL)

Organization: Keep Pensacola Beautiful

Award Amount: \$29,888.36

Project Location: Project sites along Bayou Grande and Civitan Park, an Escambia County owned park

on Bayou Davenport, which connects to Bayou Grande in Pensacola, Florida.

**Project Description:** Restore oyster reefs and intertidal marsh habitat on one acre at two locations in the Pensacola Bay system. Project will provide nursery and foraging grounds for finfish, shellfish and

wading birds, as well as filter stormwater runoff and stabilize the shoreline.

**Project Title:** Coastal Dune Lakes Monitoring and Restoration in Walton County (FL)

**Organization:** Northwest Florida State College Foundation

**Award Amount:** \$33,375.68

Project Location: Project is located on and around the coastal dune lakes of South Walton County,

Florida. Dune lakes are situated across 26 miles of coastline along the Gulf of Mexico.

**Project Description:** Treat invasive plants and engage volunteers in monitoring 58 water quality stations

monthly on 16 coastal dune lakes in Walton Co, FL. Project will focus on community education and

involvement.

**Project Title:** Jones Swamp Wetland Preserve Patton Restoration (FL) **Organization:** Escambia County Board of County Commissioners

Award Amount: \$40,000

**Project Location:** Jones Creek in the Bayou Chico Watershed, NW Escambia County.

**Project Description:** Improve ecologic function of 35 acres of riparian buffer by restoring hydrology, reducing invasives and re-planting. Project will also increase visitorship through installing educational

signs, implementing outdoor programs and improving 2,500 feet of trail.

**Project Title:** Virginia Key North Point Ecological Restoration (FL)

Organization: Miami Science Museum

**Award Amount:** \$99,524.20

Project Location: Virginia Key is a 1,000-acre barrier island located along the southeast coast of Florida

just east of downtown Miami.

**Project Description:** Restore seven acres of coastal subtropical habitat in South Florida and employ an innovative outreach platform to engage volunteers. This project will utilize a unique portfolio of social media, science exhibits and iconic eco-art installations to promote participation in all phases of the

restoration effort.

## Georgia

Project Title: Cay Creek Wetland Demonstration Landscape: A Coastal Model (GA)

**Organization:** Coastal WildScapes

**Award Amount:** \$39,978

**Project Location:** Cay Creek Wetland Park, Midway, Liberty County, GA.

**Project Description:** Create a wetland demonstration landscape to provide a tangible example of good stewardship and a model for coastal sustainability. Project will leverage existing park infrastructure at Cay Creek Wetland Park to provide educational outreach that will improve the understanding of wetland natural communities and functions, and provide practical guidelines for sustaining wetland functions, habitats and wildlife in private and community landscapes along the coast of Georgia.

**Project Title:** Living Shoreline - Tybee Island (GA)

Organization: University of Georgia

Award Amount: \$25,000

**Project Location:** The Burton 4-H Center on Tybee Island.

**Project Description:** Construct a living shoreline at the Burton 4-H Center on Tybee Island to halt erosion of a tidal stream. Project will utilize oyster shell to provide habitat for eastern oysters to settle

upon and native plants to halt erosion.

**Project Title:** River Cane Restoration Initiative (GA) **Organization:** South River Watershed Alliance

Award Amount: \$34,400

Project Location: DeKalb County, Georgia (south DeKalb County).

**Project Description:** Restore ten acres of river buffer along the South River. Project partners will transplant and reestablish river cane, remove invasive species and engage in targeted watershed

education.

**Project Title:** South Peachtree Creek and Veterans Hospital Restoration (GA)

**Organization:** Trees Atlanta **Award Amount:** \$26,545

Project Location: Decatur, Georgia

**Project Description:** Restore a quarter mile of South Peachtree Creek that runs behind the Atlanta VA Medical Center by planting native species while giving access to patients via a creekside mulch path. Project will stabilize the streambank, control erosion, restore wildlife habitat and provide controlled

access to the area.

#### Illinois

Project Title: Lake Katherine Pollinator Habitat Improvement Initiative (IL)

Organization: Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens

Award Amount: \$34,004

Project Location: Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens is an 85-acre park located in Palos

Heights, Illinois.

**Project Description:** Involve local students and volunteers in an 18-month restoration project that improves degraded wetland, prairie, and forest at the park. Project will directly improve habitat and environmental quality at the site, provide hands-on opportunities for involvement in environmental stewardship at Lake Katherine as well as educate visitors, students, and the surrounding communities about restoration at the park.

Project Title: Urban Watershed Restoration at Green Valley Nature Preserve (IL)

**Organization:** River Action **Award Amount:** \$50,000

Project Location: Green Valley is a 250 acre natural area adjacent to the Rock River, located in Moline,

IL.

**Project Description:** Building off restoration efforts at Green Valley completed fall 2013, this project will restore the remainder of the 250 acre area and its tributaries, restoring a critical urban watershed. Project work will improve water-quality and wildlife habitat throughout the watershed.

**Project Title:** Wild Indigo Urban Naturalist Training (IL)

**Organization:** National Audubon Society

**Award Amount:** \$29,394.04

**Project Location:** The Calumet region in the Lake Michigan watershed in southeast Chicago. **Project Description:** Train staff members from underserved communities and leaders of other community organizations to serve as urban naturalists and promote stewardship of local nature. Project will introduce underserved communities to the sand prairies, sand savannas, woodlands, dune and swale ecosystems, and migratory birds of the Calumet region, and promote habitat stewardship.

## Kentucky

**Project Title:** Boone Wetland and Native Plant Restoration Initiative (KY)

**Organization:** Morehead State University

**Award Amount:** \$22,396.99

Project Location: West Morehead, KY

Project Description: Utilize a number of partnerships to conduct an on-the-ground restoration of a

riparian zone. Project will engage 110 volunteers and restore two acres of habitat.

### Louisiana

**Project Title:** Habitat Is Where It's At (LA) **Organization:** University of New Orleans

**Award Amount:** \$42,188.09

Project Location: Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge in New Orleans (LA)

**Project Description:** Enhance eight acres in three wetland habitats in Bayou Sauvage Wildlife Refuge, while educating students and community members about wetland values. Project will allow underserved urban students and volunteers to gain a better understanding of the value of the wetlands

surrounding the urban center of New Orleans through hands-on activities.

## Maryland

**Project Title:** Stream Stewards (MD)

**Organization:** Anacostia Watershed Society

Award Amount: \$35,000

Project Location: Two sites in Prince George's County, MD: Riverdale Elementary and University Park

Elementary schools, within the Anacostia River Watershed.

**Project Description:** Educate and empower 400 students to implement low-impact development projects at two schools in the Anacostia River Watershed. Project will teach students about issues facing the Anacostia River Watershed, participate in a field study of the river, and implement low-impact development strategies (such as painting and installing rain barrels and creating rain gardens) at their schools.

#### Massachusetts

**Project Title:** Canoeing For Clean Water, Charles River (MA)

**Organization:** Charles River Watershed Association

Award Amount: \$30,746

**Project Location:** Charles River Lakes District in the metropolitan Boston area

**Project Description:** Restore habitat and recreation through invasive weed eradication. Project will mobilize hundreds of volunteers, involves large-scale mechanical harvesting and research, and create

new river stewards.

#### Minnesota

Project Title: Mississippi River Conservation Volunteers (MN)

Organization: Mississippi River Fund

Award Amount: \$27,975

**Project Location:** The Mississippi National River and Recreation Area in Minnesota.

**Project Description:** Restore floodplain and bluff woodlands on the upper Mississippi River, engaging underserved youth populations and volunteers. Project will restore habitat and engage volunteers

through community groups and educational volunteer experiences.

## Minnesota/North Dakota

**Project Title:** Reforesting the Red River (MN, ND)

**Organization:** River Keepers **Award Amount:** \$38,522

**Project Location:** The Red River of the North borders North Dakota and Minnesota flowing north into Canada. The target geographic area will be degraded riparian land within the City of Fargo, ND and

Moorhead, MN.

**Project Description:** Restore the forest to improve water quality and develop public appreciation and use of urban storm water best management practices. Project will remove invasive plants, prepare land for planting, and plant and maintain native shrubs and trees on public land in the urban riparian forest.

## Mississippi

**Project Title:** Urban Forest Restoration in I.G. Levy Park (MS)

Organization: City of Pascagoula, Mississippi

Award Amount: \$25,000.65 Project Location: I.G. Levy Park

**Project Description:** Restore one acre of urban forest in a Pascagoula, MS community park to increase bird habitat near Whitehead Lake. Project will remove invasive species, plant trees, and plant rain

gardens.

#### Missouri

Project Title: Lower Meramec Hands-On Stewardship and Watershed Education (MO)

Organization: The Open Space Council for the St. Louis Region

Award Amount: \$25,000

**Project Location:** St. Louis urban core, including downtown and county and residents of the Meramec River, Big River, Bourbese, Courtois, and Huzzah Rivers located within 1.5 hours of downtown St. Louis **Project Description:** Implement a three prong approach to the Lower Meramec Watershed plan by restoring 500 miles of river, educating the public through "Watershed Cairns" art, and University water quality research. Data will be collected and analyzed from project sites throughout the Lower Meramec Watershed.

### New Jersey/New York

Project Title: Groundwork-Walkill Connection:Fostering Urban River Stewards (NY, NJ)

**Organization:** Groundwork Hudson Valley

Award Amount: \$35,410

Project Location: Activities take place in Yonkers, NY, in a low-income neighborhood next to the Saw

Mill River. Activities also take place at Wallkill National Wildlife Refuge.

**Project Description:** Improve access to the Saw Mill River so that residents living next to it can both protect and enjoy the river. Project will have volunteers restore riverbanks by removing invasives and

planting native trees.

### **New York**

Project Title: Bioswale Maintenance Certification Program (NY)

**Organization:** Gowanus Canal Conservancy

Award Amount: \$49,885.45

Project Location: The Gowanus Watershed in Brooklyn, NY.

**Project Description:** Develop a community education and certification program that will engage community members in the stewardship of public green infrastructure measures. Project will train volunteer stewards and license them to maintain any public right of way bioswale in the city of New

York with guidance from Parks.

#### **Nez Perce Tribe**

Project Title: Restore Wetland into Nature Park for Environmental Education (ID)

Organization: Nez Perce Tribe Award Amount: \$44,433.58

**Project Location:** Nez Perce Indian Reservation

**Project Description:** Restore a wetland on the edge of a tribal community by eradicating noxious weeds and planting native wetland plants. Project will create interpretive signs for nature trail for community

use.

### **North Carolina**

Project Title: The Butterfly Highway: Connecting People and Nature (NC)

**Organization:** The University of North Carolina Charlotte

**Award Amount:** \$33,673

**Project Location:** Urban neighborhoods located in the Irwin Watershed of the Catawba River Basin in

the city of Charlotte, NC.

Project Description: Create new habitats for butterflies and other wild pollinator species in undeserved

neighborhoods in the city of Charlotte, NC. This project will have both social and environmental

outcomes.

## Oregon

**Project Title:** Gladstone Parks Habitat, Education and Job Readiness (OR)

**Organization:** Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership

**Award Amount:** \$41,536.34

**Project Location:** Meldrum Bar Park and Cross Park in the City of Gladstone, part of the metropolitan

area of Portland, Oregon.

**Project Description:** Expand natural area restoration on four acres at Meldrum Bar and Cross Parks. Project will have at-risk youth, students, and volunteers remove invasive plants and install native plants.

### Pennsylvania

Project Title: Neighborhood Environmental Stewardship (PA)

**Organization:** National Audubon Society

Award Amount: \$29,999

**Project Location:** The project will be in Philadelphia in/around USFW refuge and the large park system

(Fairmount Park).

**Project Description:** Implement a community engagement project in Philadelphia, providing innovative programs and habitat restoration work at the refuge, at schools and in neighborhoods. Project will implement hands-on programming at the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge, at schools, and in neighborhoods to increase the quality of habitat for birds and create better communities.

Project Title: Restoring Dead Man's Hollow through Community Service (PA)

**Organization:** Allegheny Land Trust

Award Amount: \$38,825

**Project Location:** Dead Man's Hollow is located south of Pittsburgh, PA along the Youghiogheny River in

Liberty and Lincoln Boroughs and Elizabeth Township and is contiguous with the Great Allegheny

Passage.

**Project Description:** Restore 440 acres of conserved woodlands at Dead Man's Hollow in Lincoln Borough by funding an AmeriCorps employee to implement an extensive management plan and outreach. Project will mobilize resources to implement the Dead Man's Hollow Trail Plan, restore the ecology of the area, and enhance the visitor experience.

#### **Tennessee**

**Project Title:** Advancing Watershed And Restoration Education (TN)

**Organization:** Shelby Farms Park Conservancy

Award Amount: \$25,000

**Project Location:** Shelby Farms Park and schools throughout Shelby County.

**Project Description:** Connect educational curriculum at Shelby Farms Park with the conservation projects occurring in 2014 and 2015, demonstrating conservation in action. Project will expand field trip and summer camp programs with updated Naturalist Notebooks and field exploration activities highlighting ongoing watershed and wildlife habitat conservation projects to rehabilitate Patriot Lake, restore upstream wetlands, and reforest several fields bordering the Lake.

Project Title: Wolf River Greenway Restoration (TN) - III

**Organization:** Wolf River Conservancy

Award Amount: \$30,000

**Project Location:** The three project sites are located near the intersection of Germantown Road and Wolf River Boulevard, within the Wolf River watershed in Memphis and Shelby County, Tennessee. **Project Description:** Provide a land stewardship education program, including hands-on site restoration projects to remove invasive, non-native plant species on three sites in the Wolf River watershed in Memphis, Tennessee. Project will engage students and volunteers in the removal of 15 acres of invasives.

### **Texas**

Project Title: Alamo-Area Children Organized to Replant Natives (TX)

**Organization:** Northside Education Foundation

Award Amount: \$25,175

Project Location: Five one-acre sites in public areas in San Antonio, primarily along the 40 miles of

creekway parks and trails that has been created in the city's watershed.

**Project Description:** Recruit students, parents, staff, and other community members from local schools to implement biodiversity improvement projects along San Antonio's public creekway park system. Project will engage community members in Community Biodiversity Improvement Events to plant and maintain native trees and vegetation at five sites.

Project Title: Creating Learning Gardens to Foster Environmental Stewards (TX)

Organization: REAL School Gardens Award Amount: \$100,584.48

Project Location: Five high-poverty elementary school communities located within the urban Dallas-

Fort Worth, Texas region.

**Project Description:** Lead a community effort to establish five school-based learning gardens in North Texas to serve as sites for hands-on conservation and education. These spaces will boost academic

achievement and environmental stewardship.

**Project Title:** Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Preserving for Future Generations (TX)

Organization: Pharr San Juan Alamo ISD

**Award Amount:** \$45,650

Project Location: The tri-city area of Pharr, San Juan, Alamo, located in the lower sub-basin of the Rio

Grande-Rio Bravo watershed

**Project Description:** Create natural habitats at three elementary campuses in an effort to create a paradigm shift in the current attitude about conservation. Project will utilize education including formal education, public awareness, and training as a process to promote the importance of the Tamaulipan Brushland ecosystem's natural habitats and species.

**Project Title:** Wild Urban Connections, Houston (TX)

**Organization:** Houston Wilderness

Award Amount: \$50,000

Project Location: Greater Houston Metropolitan Area

**Project Description:** Focus on under-served urban residents finding, valuing, and caring for nature in their community by targeting youth, city parks, neighborhood service, technical assistance and habitat restoration. Project will engage community members through community stewardship days and repeated exposure to National Wildlife Refuges through summer Houston Parks and Recreation Department programs, Student Conservation Association, Buffalo Bayou Partnership, and the Woods Project.

### Utah

**Project Title:** Escalante Watershed Restoration—Woody Invasive Control (UT)

**Organization:** Grand Staircase Escalante Partners

Award Amount: \$28,160

Project Location: Garfield County, Escalante Watershed, Southern Utah, within Grand Staircase

**Escalante National Monument.** 

**Project Description:** Restore riparian habitat through removal of Russian olive, directly benefiting native plant and animal species habitat, while involving local communities and creating conservation job opportunities. Project will expose young adults to the natural world and to career opportunities in the conservation field.

Project Title: West Valley City Stormwater Treatment/Wetland Restoration (UT)

**Organization:** Jordan River Commission

Award Amount: \$49,564

Project Location: West Valley City, Utah. The site is adjacent to the Jordan River and is in the center of

the Jordan River Watershed.

**Project Description:** Restore a stormwater detention pond to a functional wetland habitat while engaging community members and students. Project's site will demonstrate creative ideas to

rehabilitate the heavily urbanized Jordan River.

### Washington

**Project Title:** Japanese Knotweed Control in the Salmon Creek Watershed (WA)

**Organization:** Clark Public Utilities

Award Amount: \$35,848

Project Location: The Salmon Creek watershed in Clark County, southwestern Washington.

**Project Description:** Survey 15 stream miles and control knotweed in the Salmon Creek watershed through a coordinated effort of treatment and outreach activities with a diverse group of partners, landowners and volunteers. Project will remove knotweed, essential to protecting native riparian

habitat, and educate landowners about knotweed eradication.

Project Title: Lake Sammamish Kokanee: A Model for Urban Stewardship (WA)

Organization: Friends of the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery

Award Amount: \$30,106.94

**Project Location:** Lake Sammamish Urban Wildlife Refuge within the Seattle Metropolitan Area. **Project Description:** Restore kokanee populations and improve watershed health within the Lake Sammamish Urban Wildlife Refuge Partnership through volunteer based riparian restoration and diverse educational programming. Project will contribute to riparian zone recovery through volunteer projects and educational programming.

**Project Title:** Meeker Creek Habitat Restoration (WA)

**Organization:** Pierce Conservation District

**Award Amount:** \$26,360.50

**Project Location:** Project site is located in the City of Puyallup.

**Project Description:** Restore a 1,000-foot section of Meeker Creek in Puyallup, WA, transforming it from a manmade ditch into a natural stream channel. Project will improve water quality by reducing untreated stormwater loading to the creek, improve shading to the stream by restoring the riparian vegetation, enhance juvenile salmon rearing habitat by providing in-stream refugia, and enhance

spawning habitat for salmon straying from the Clarks Creek hatchery run.

#### Wisconsin

**Project Title:** Restoring the Milwaukee River Watershed (WI)

**Organization:** Ozaukee Washington Land Trust

Award Amount: \$37,324

Project Location: Nine different sites along the Milwaukee River and within the watershed. The sites are

located within Ozaukee and Washington counties.

Project Description: Restore viable habitat within the Milwaukee River Watershed. Project will restore

over 560 acres of wetlands, forests and grassland habitat as a result of this project.