

May 7, 2018

Susan Lancho, External Affairs Manager
859.268.6332
susan.lancho@amwater.com

Kentucky American Water Awards Grants for Environmental Projects

Announcement kicks off National Drinking Water Week, May 6 - 12

LEXINGTON, Ky., (May 7, 2018) – Kentucky American Water has awarded two organizations 2018 American Water Environmental Grants for their efforts to protect and preserve the environment. Floracliff Nature Sanctuary in Fayette County and the Friends of Stoner Creek in Bourbon County will receive \$4,714 and \$3,710, respectively. The announcement helps kick off the American Water Works Association (AWWA) Drinking Water Week 2018, observed this year from May 6 to May 12 with the theme, “Protect the Source.”

Since the grant program’s inception in 2006 in the Commonwealth, Kentucky American Water has awarded more than \$195,000 in grant funds to community-based environmental projects that improve, restore or protect the watersheds, surface water and groundwater supplies in our local communities.

Floracliff Nature Sanctuary’s project will involve protecting and treating approximately 88 ash trees in the Elk Lick watershed with assistance from state and local partners, including the Kentucky Division of Forestry, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, SiteOne Landscape Supply and the University of Kentucky.

The Friends of Stoner Creek’s project involves a comprehensive outreach effort to engage Bourbon County citizens of all ages in protecting and preserving Stoner Creek, the source of drinking water supply for Paris and Millersburg. The effort includes waterway-focused art activities with schoolchildren, a community event highlighting the importance of Stoner Creek, and efforts to educate citizens about proper septic system maintenance. Partners include the Paris-Bourbon County Chamber of Commerce, Paris-Bourbon County Citizen-Advertiser, Paris Middle School, Bourbon Middle School, St. Mary’s School and Bluegrass Greensource.

“Kentucky American Water is pleased to support Floracliff Nature Sanctuary and the Friends of Stoner Creek in their efforts to protect waterways in our region,” said Kevin Rogers, vice president of Kentucky American Water. “These projects are great examples of how various organizations and individuals can work together to make a positive impact

- more -

on the environment, and so fitting to recognize their commitment during this year's Drinking Water Week, which emphasizes 'protecting the source.' ”

About Kentucky American Water

Kentucky American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest investor-owned water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and/or wastewater services to approximately half a million people. Visit www.kentuckyamwater.com and follow Kentucky American Water on Twitter and Facebook.

About American Water

With a history dating back to 1886, American Water is the largest and most geographically diverse U.S. publicly traded water and wastewater utility company. The company employs more than 6,900 dedicated professionals who provide regulated and market-based drinking water, wastewater and other related services to an estimated 15 million people in 46 states and Ontario, Canada. American Water provides safe, clean, affordable and reliable water services to our customers to make sure we keep their lives flowing. For more information, visit amwater.com and follow American Water on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.

- end -