

Dominion Energy Awards \$1 Million in Grants to Improve Environment, Encourage Stewardship

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- Nearly 130 non-profit organizations and schools to share funding
- Grants support environmental education and stewardship initiatives in 12 states
- Since 2003, nearly \$32 million donated to projects that protect and improve the environment

RICHMOND, Va., May 10, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Whether it's rescuing sea-turtles, recycling school paper or exploring the great outdoors, Dominion Energy's Environmental Education and Stewardship grants support a variety of initiatives that benefit schools, organizations and communities across the country.

Dominion Energy is awarding \$1 million in grants through its philanthropic arm, the Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation, to nearly 130 organizations in 12 states working to improve natural spaces or encourage environmental stewardship. Since 2003, Dominion Energy has donated nearly \$32 million to a wide variety of environmental projects across its footprint.

"Each year I am impressed by the diverse and meaningful efforts being made in our communities to improve and sustain the environment," said Hunter A. Applewhite, president of the Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation. "These grants support programs and people dedicated to making our world a better, more livable place – one that can be treasured today and passed down to future generations."

A state-by-state listing of all recipients and videos showing the impact of programs are posted online.

The competitive grants program supports environmental education and stewardship projects that preserve, enhance or make nature more accessible. A sampling of 2018 grant recipients includes:

- Blue Sky Fund (Richmond, Va.), to provide urban youth with environmental field trips and adventure clubs that feature outdoor activities and education.
- Therapeutic Adventures, Inc. (Charlottesville, Va.), for its adaptive sports program to help people living with disabilities enjoy nature while skiing, paddling, fly-fishing and more.
- Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center (Virginia Beach, Va.), for rescue and treatment of sea turtles hooked by recreational anglers.
- Ann's Circle (Dowell, Md.), for a pavilion and outdoor classroom for nature programs, summer camps, family outings and others visiting the Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center.
- Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center (Mystic, Conn.), to give students a deeper understanding of science through environmental investigations of wildlife, plants and habitats.
- Environmental Education Foundation (Auburn, N.Y.), for its New York State Envirothon, a competition testing high school teams on knowledge of natural resources and environmental issues.
- Mineral County Alternative School (Keyser, W.Va.), for its recycling program that turns used paper into fire-starter bricks sold by special needs students at the school's general store.
- Ohio and Erie Canalway Coalition (Akron, Ohio), for two beautification projects enhancing a historic towpath trail used by 2.5 million hikers and bikers each year.

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