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22 Volunteer Organizations Awarded “Every Day Grants” to Strengthen Their Work on Behalf of Public Lands

Washington, D.C. – Twenty-two volunteer organizations in the U.S. were awarded an “Every Day Grant” from the National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF), with major funding from Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc. The \$5,000 grants will help improve each group’s capacity to assist our national and local parks and other public lands.

“Our nation’s public lands need our support every day, and with stretched budgets and limited staff, land managers at federal, state and local public lands need all the help they can get,” said NEEF President Diane Wood. “That help often comes from friends groups or other volunteer organizations.”

NEEF’s Every Day Grants are designed to improve the stewardship of public lands by strengthening volunteer groups through funding for organizational capacity building, such as training new board members, updating technology or facilitating strategic planning.

“We know that capacity-building support is some of the hardest funding for these groups to raise, but it is vital to improving their effectiveness and unleashing their potential to support and enjoy their public lands,” said Ms. Wood.

The 2011 Every Day Grant recipients are listed below. More information on each grantee can be found on [NEEF's website](http://www.neefusa.org).

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2011 Every Day Grant Recipients

Branch Brook Park Alliance
Newark, NJ

Friends of MacArthur Beach State Park
North Palm Beach, FL

Carson Valley Trails Association
Minden, NV

Friends of Rock Creek's Environment
Washington, DC

Discover Your Northwest
Seattle, WA

FRIENDS of the Blue Ridge Parkway, Inc.
Roanoke, VA

Eno River Association
Durham, NC

Friends of the Dillon Ranger District
Silverthorne, CO

Friends of DeSoto National Memorial, Inc.
Bradenton, FL

Friends of the Oregon Caves and Chateau
Grants Pass, OR

Friends of Enchanted Rock
Fredericksburg, TX

Friends of Van Cortlandt Park
Bronx, NY

Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial
Shanksville, PA

Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods
Duncans Mills, CA

Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park
Volcano, HI

West Atlanta Watershed Alliance
Atlanta, GA

Friends of Ironwood Forest
Tucson, AZ

Woodlands Conservancy
Belle Chasse, LA

Friends of Iroquois NWR
Basom, NY

Moosalamoo Association
Rutland, VT

Friends of Louisiana Wildlife Refuges, Inc.
Lacombe, LA

Padilla Bay Foundation
Mount Vernon, WA

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