



***CN EcoConnexions From the Ground Up***  
A Community Greening Grant Program of CN and America in Bloom  
**Grant Agreement**

City of Hammond agrees to satisfactorily complete the “Trees for a Greener Hammond” and accepts the following grant terms:

1. Complete the project as proposed. Any changes to project location or substantive changes to the scope of work must be submitted to America in Bloom (AIB) for prior approval.
2. Complete the project as budgeted. Budget deviations of greater than 10% must be submitted to AIB for prior approval. Cost that exceed the grant award of \$25,000 will not be reimbursed.
3. Document all expenditures eligible for reimbursement (see RFP) and submit receipts and proof of payment with a Final Report to AIB.
4. Contribute at least half of the cost of the project through the purchase of goods and services or with in-kind contributions of goods and services. Matching contributions must also be documented. Include dates of service, names of contributors, and value for all in-kind services.
5. Install and maintain plants as describe in the Request for Proposals and maintain plantings as per your proposed maintenance plan. Continue appropriate maintenance in perpetuity.
6. Involve community partners as described in your proposal, enhancing community participation whenever possible.
7. Coordinate project planning and implementation with America in Bloom (AIB) representatives. Accommodate AIB request for information, site visits and meetings.
8. Participate in America in Bloom by enrolling in the national awards program by February 28, 2015. Enrollment fees are allowable as a matching contribution.
9. Hold a celebratory event to recognize community partners, project accomplishments and CN’s financial support and AIB’s technical assistance. Coordinate planning with CN and AIB representatives.
10. Acknowledge “*CN EcoConnexions From the Ground Up*” as the source of funds in all outreach and press material. Acknowledge America in Bloom as a program partner in all outreach and press material.

Please refer to the *CN EcoConnexions From the Ground Up* Request for Proposal ([www.AmericaInBloom.org/CN](http://www.AmericaInBloom.org/CN)) for details about eligible costs, technical standards, maintenance requirements and more.

Important dates:

February 28, 2015 – Application for America in Bloom national awards program due.

March 15, 2015 – Project progress report due to AIB.

July 1, 2015 – Project must be complete.

July 15, 2015 – Final report and request for reimbursement must be submitted to AIB.

Enjoy your “Trees for a Greener Hammond” for many years to come. Use the momentum created by this endeavor to continually beautify your community.

Accepted:

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For the Grant Recipient (Print name)

Title

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Signature

Date

Laura Kunkle, America in Bloom Executive Director

