

## Celebrate National Rivers Month

Water. What could be more important to our health, our communities, and our lives? By focusing our efforts on stopping pollution from sewage spills and stormwater runoff, American Rivers is working to ensure that our rivers and streams are safe for drinking, fishing, swimming and boating. And by safeguarding small streams and wetlands, we are preserving nature's ability to filter and supply clean water. As droughts, floods and waterborne diseases intensify with global warming; this "natural infrastructure" will become more important than ever.

### Cleaner Water, Safer Communities

Increasing development and antiquated, over-taxed wastewater treatment systems mean that when it rains, untreated sewage and polluted stormwater pour directly into rivers from sewage treatment plants and dirty streets and parking lots. This poses a health hazard for people, as well as fish and wildlife. To reduce this pollution the local, state and federal levels to promote a range of green infrastructure solutions. These approaches work in concert with nature's systems to collect and filter runoff and reduce pollution in our rivers and streams.

### Advancing Green Infrastructure

Green infrastructure encompasses a wide range of water management practices that reduce polluted stormwater runoff, flooding, and sewer overflows by maintaining or restoring the natural hydrology of an area often through the use of plants and soils that collect and filter runoff, preventing it from polluting streams and rivers. Green infrastructure also beautifies communities, creates jobs and reduces temperatures in urban areas.

### Green Infrastructure, Water Efficiency & The Stimulus

The ready to go projects list contains over \$1.2 Billion worth of green infrastructure projects, which incorporate engineered and natural systems to help supply clean water, reduce polluted runoff, stop sewer overflows, minimize flooding and enhance community safety.

The allotted per state funding is

- Illinois: 6.3% \$115,420,000
- Iowa: 1.2% \$21,000,000
- Minnesota: 0.4% \$5,400,000
- Wisconsin: 4.3% \$105,000,000



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