



December 22, 2020

CN EcoConnexions From the Ground Up

A Community Greening Grant Program of CN and America in Bloom

Grant Agreement

Munster, Indiana agrees to satisfactorily complete the “CN Railroad Beautification” project and accepts the following grant terms:

1. Submit a proposal with site plan, list of plants, care and maintenance plans, and budget.
2. All efforts should be made to complete the project by December 31, 2021. Any changes to project location, completion date, or substantive changes to the scope of work must be submitted to America in Bloom (AIB) for prior approval.
3. Complete the project as budgeted. Budget deviations of greater than 10% must be submitted to AIB for prior approval. Costs that exceed the grant award of \$25,000 will not be reimbursed.
4. Document all expenditures eligible for reimbursement and submit receipts and proof of payment with a Final Report to AIB.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Involve community partners as described in your proposal, enhancing community participation whenever possible.
8. Coordinate project planning and implementation with America in Bloom (AIB) representatives. Accommodate AIB request for information, site visits and meetings.
9. Participate in the America in Bloom [National Awards Program](#) by enrolling in the 2021 edition by February 28, 2021. Registration fees are allowable as a matching contribution.
10. 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.
11. Install a sign or marker at project location indicating project partners were America in Bloom and the *CN EcoConnexions From the Ground Up* program.
12. 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.

Note: Funds will not be disbursed until the project is complete, a final report with receipts has been submitted, a sign or marker has been installed, a media event held, and AIB national awards program registration has been submitted.

Accepted:

For the Grant Recipient (Print name)

Title

Signature

Date

Laura Kunkle, America in Bloom Executive Director

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