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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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