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### **The Groundwater Foundation Receives Grant Funding From Nebraska Environmental Trust**

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA – The Groundwater Foundation announced today that it will receive \$70,811 from the Nebraska Environmental Trust for the Growing Groundwater Awareness in Nebraska program this year.

The Trust Board announced funding for the project at its meeting on April 7, 2011 in Lincoln. This is the second year of the award. The project is one of 94 projects receiving \$15,412,788 in grants awards from the Nebraska Environmental Trust this year.

The goal of the program is to empower the people of Nebraska to play a key part in protecting their groundwater. The main objectives of the program are to create awareness and to provide tools for individual communities to take proactive steps to ensure a safe, lasting supply. All of the work is centered around the slogan, Let's Keep it Clean! The Groundwater Foundation has worked in the communities of Crete, Wayne and Minden and is currently working in St. Paul, Auburn and Fairbury. More detailed information is available by clicking on the Let's Keep It Clean! button on the Groundwater Foundation's website: [www.groundwater.org](http://www.groundwater.org).

The program is a perfect means to achieve the Nebraska Environmental Trust's goal of ensuring a sound natural environment, which is required for a prosperous future because it utilizes education and outreach to inspire protection efforts. The Nebraska Legislature created the Nebraska Environmental Trust in 1992. Using revenue from the Nebraska Lottery, the Trust has provided over \$172 million in grants to 1,292 projects across the state. Anyone – citizens, organizations, communities, farmers and businesses – can apply for funding to protect habitat, improve water quality and establish recycling programs in Nebraska. The Nebraska Environmental Trust works to preserve, protect and restore our natural resources for future generations.

For more information about The Groundwater Foundation and the Let's Keep It Clean! program, call 1-800-858-4844. The program is also sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.

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The Groundwater Foundation is a non-profit organization based in Lincoln, Nebraska with a mission to educate people and inspire action to ensure sustainable, clean groundwater for future generations. Since its inception in 1985, the Foundation has offered various educational programming for youth and adults. To learn more, visit [www.groundwater.org](http://www.groundwater.org).