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## **Constellation Energy Awards EcoStar Grants to Community Environmental Stewards**

### ***93 Community Environmental Projects Awarded \$471,662***

**BALTIMORE, April 19, 2012** – Constellation Energy, an Exelon company, today announced that it has awarded 93 EcoStar grants totaling \$471,662 to nonprofit organizations engaged in environmental stewardship projects in states where Constellation Energy does business. The grants of up to \$5,000 each will fund community-based projects that support Constellation Energy's long-standing commitment to protecting the environment. Funding was provided by the Constellation Energy Foundation, which launched the EcoStar Grant program in January 2010.

EcoStar grants were awarded to projects that fit into one or more of five stewardship categories: pollution prevention; education and outreach; energy efficiency; conservation; and community activism. The awards went to recipients in 22 states and will support a variety of initiatives, ranging from community gardens and habitat restoration projects to innovative programs promoting energy efficiency, storm water management and improved air quality, among many others.

"The EcoStar grants program enables Constellation Energy to leverage our environmental stewardship resources with the expertise and passion of local community groups to make lasting environmental improvements," said Paul J. Allen, senior vice president of corporate affairs and chief environmental officer for Constellation Energy. "We are proud of the work accomplished by 142 EcoStar recipients over the past two years and very much look forward to the implementation of the new environmental initiatives planned by this year's award recipients."

In 2009, Constellation Energy joined the ranks of companies that give one percent or more of their annual operating income to support charitable organizations and causes. The EcoStar Grant program is one of a range of initiatives, donations and grants targeting one of the company's key areas of focus, environmental stewardship.

Constellation Energy unveiled the EcoStar program in 2010 and has since awarded 147 EcoStar grants, totaling over \$500,000. This year's program will engage over 1,000,000 students and community members across 93 communities through education and hands-on conservation projects. This year's initiatives will protect and restore more than 350 acres of habitat, plant approximately 1,300 native plants and 4,700 trees and remove nearly 3,250 pounds of invasive species. More than 37 tons of trash will be removed from 30 streams and other natural areas, and 7 billion gallons of ground water per year will be protected. Recipients will also aim to revitalize 17 vacant lots, create 12 community gardens to provide nutritious and accessible food and reduce energy usage by over 20% through conservation and education programs.

To qualify for an EcoStar grant, a project must be located in an area where Constellation Energy does business. Applicants also are required to have a board of directors and be designated a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

A complete list of the 93 organizations that received 2012 EcoStar grants and a brief description of each project can be found on the [EcoStar section of Constellation Energy's website](#).

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