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**TYLER ARBORETUM RECEIVED 3MGIVES ECO GRANT**  
*Grant will be used for Comprehensive Aquatic Learning Project*

MEDIA, Pa (November 12, 2013) – Tyler Arboretum has been awarded a \$43,000 3Mgives Eco Grant to enhance its Comprehensive Aquatic Learning Project. The Comprehensive Aquatic Learning Project will initiate a new teacher training program and a new school outreach and field trip program. Additionally, the Comprehensive Aquatic Learning Project will create five Learning Stations in the Arboretum's pond and stream areas to investigate specific environmental and ecological watershed concepts. These stations consist of Pond Station, Stream Station, Amphibian Habitat and Vernal Pond Station, Reptile Habitat Station, and an overall Aquatic Interpretive Station.

Tyler Arboretum is a non-profit public garden in Delaware County, Pennsylvania serving the Greater Philadelphia region. One of the oldest arboreta in the northeastern United States, Tyler Arboretum encompasses 650 acres of renowned plant collections, heritage and champion trees, historic buildings, and 17 miles of hiking trails through woodlands, wetlands, and meadows. The Arboretum is open to the public 362 days a year.

Tyler's mission is to preserve, develop, and share our diverse horticultural, historic, and natural site resources in order to stimulate stewardship and an understanding of our living world.

"We are honored to be chosen by 3Mgives to receive this grant and we are grateful for their generosity which will help Tyler enhance its educational opportunities," said Rick Colbert, executive director at Tyler. "Tyler is much more comprehensive than a collection of champion trees; this grant will help educate area children and their adult educators about the diverse aquatic ecosystems native to southeast Pennsylvania."

3Mgives is awarding almost \$400,000 to nine organizations with its 2013 Eco Grants, which are aimed at connecting kids to nature and improving environmental and conservation education for youth. Since 2001, 3M's environmental giving program has invested more than \$20 million in sustainability initiatives as part of the company's vision of improving everyday life.

The 2013 grant recipients are nature and environmental learning centers located in communities near a 3M facility. Recipients were selected based on criteria, which include: connecting science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education with outdoor learning opportunities, improving environmental and conservation education, and increasing student visits and teacher preparedness—thereby extending the learning beyond a single visit.

"3Mgives is committed to improving every life through innovative giving in education, community and the environment. Organizations like Tyler Arboretum are helping to connect the future



workforce to nature and science as well,” said Kim Price, vice president, 3Mgives. “We are delighted to support Tyler Arboretum in its efforts to enhance environmental education.”

For more information about 3Mgives, visit [www.3Mgives.com](http://www.3Mgives.com). For more information about Tyler Arboretum, visit [www.TylerArboretum.org](http://www.TylerArboretum.org).

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