

## Protecting Our Environment

# Funding The Intelligent Use Of Water



**Grants are available for anyone who wants to fund a project that helps promote conservation, sustainability and green spaces, such as this garden, winner of The Intelligent Use of Water Award.**

(NAPSA)—Finding ways to save water could earn you some grant money.

The Intelligent Use of Water Awards is a grant program that awards funds to water conservation and environmental sustainability projects that promote green spaces. Any Internet user can submit a project via the website at [www.iuowawards.com](http://www.iuowawards.com) and promote it within his or her own community.

All projects can be anonymously voted on by visitors (one vote a day per project, per individual user), and the projects with the most votes will receive funding from Rain Bird, a leading manufacturer and provider of irrigation products and services.

The company will award four \$1,500 projects, three \$5,000 projects and three \$10,000 projects.

The annual program recognizes individuals and organizations whose innovation, leadership, ingenuity and dedication to the management and protection of Earth's most precious natural resource through improved landscape water efficiency raises the standard for outdoor water conservation.

After three years of honoring individuals and organizations for their completed projects, the program was revamped in 2010 to help fund future water conservation projects.

The interactive approach to this year's program will help Rain Bird serve a broader range of projects that seek to intelligently manage water and preserve green spaces.

### **Past Winners**

In 2009, The Intelligent Use of Water Award went to Naples Botanical Garden, Inc. in Naples, Florida, for its commitment to sustainable green building practices in the design of its gardens.

In 2008, Christopher Gray of Marvel Golf Club in Benton, Kentucky, demonstrated innovation for his proactive development and implementation of water conservation programs both on and off the golf course.

The first winner in 2007 was a five-acre garden near El Cajon, California, The Water Conservation Garden, that showcased water conservation through a series of themed gardens and robust educational programming.

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