HVA has saved or helped save more than 20,000 acres of land, with another 50,000 acres needed, and restored several hundred miles of local waterways and wetlands with another 500 miles needed, all leveraged by their 200+ partners. This includes municipalities, land trusts, nonprofits, businesses, and community groups, as well as the thousands of volunteers engaged in river clean ups, plantings, paddle trips, and more.

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The Federated Garden Club of Connecticut, Inc. (FGCCT), who honored HVA with its 2021 top Bronze Award, also nominated HVA for the National Garden Clubs award, which is its highest award presented to a non-member making a significant contribution toward the advancement of NGC's goals and purposes.

"I was so honored to accept both of these awards on behalf of the entire HVA team including our board, staff, volunteers and partners across the region," said Lynn Werner. "All of our work together restoring st THE REGISTER CITIZEN corridors, engaging more people in new ways climate change accelerates. Being honored by Aquarion is especially meaningful because the

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BURLINGTON — Main Street Community Foundation is accepting applications for grants from the Burlington Community Fund. Either the organization or the program for which funding is requested must be located in Burlington and be of benefit to Burlington residents, at <u>www.mainstreetfoundation.org/apply-for-grant</u>, which includes a link to the application, the full guidelines, and eligibility criteria. The application deadline is Sept. 16.

Consideration for grant awards from the Burlington Community Fund will be given to, but not limited to, proposals requesting support for charitable projects in the areas of arts and culture; community development; education; environment and animal welfare; health; human services; and youth development.

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grantmaking department, at 860-583-6363 for a preliminary discussion of their proposal at least one week prior to the deadline.

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In addition, the Foundation is accepting applications for grants from the Men & Boys' Fund and the Women & Girls Fund. Nonprofit organizations with programs serving men and boys or women and girls in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott are invited to apply. The application deadline for the Men & Boys' Fund is September 16th, while the deadline for the Women & Girls Fund is September 9th.

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