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Greenprint Partners Wins Prestigious US Water Alliance US Water Prize for Innovative Stormwater Infrastructure in the Private Sector Category

Austin, Texas– Last night, Chicago-based Greenprint Partners was awarded the prestigious US Water Prize in the Private Sector category for its work in advancing the way stormwater is managed for partner City of Peoria, Illinois. Greenprint Partners was recognized for its leadership as the project developer and program manager for an innovative stormwater management system and community engagement program at The Well Farm at Voris Field. The project's mix of green features, underground storage, and urban agriculture prevents more than a million gallons of stormwater from entering Peoria's combined sewer each year. In addition, the project transformed a long-vacant property into a vibrant community gathering space; delivers \$1.50 in economic activity for every \$1 invested; and it has created nearly 30 full-time jobs. Guiding this impact was Greenprint Partners' Community Benefits-Driven Design process, which engaged a team of more than 20 community stakeholders to ensure alignment, positive neighborhood impacts, and ongoing project success.

As project developer, Greenprint Partners led the City of Peoria through a detailed and inclusive public works process, including site selection, community program development, landscape design and engineering, and community relations. The completion of the site builds on Peoria's goal to become the first U.S. city to solve stormwater challenges with 100% green infrastructure. As a result of Peoria and Greenprint Partners' engagement, the team transformed a vacant parcel in one of America's 100 poorest zip-codes to into a tapestry of multi-functional, community-driven stormwater SMPs, from a tree stand, to a flowering bioswale, to 100 raised beds that are home to an agricultural apprenticeship program, now in its second growing season.

US Water Alliance CEO Radhika Fox said, "I am proud to honor Greenprint Partners' vision not just for Peoria, but for our shared vision of municipalities and stormwater utilities around the country to have



sustainable, inclusive, and integrative infrastructure to prepare communities for increasingly large storms and flooding."

Greenprint Partners was assisted by a team including New York-based AKRF and Peoria-based Gifts in the Moment Foundation (a local urban agriculture nonprofit), and funded by a Conservation Innovation Grant from the USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Greenprint Partners is a green infrastructure delivery partner that helps cities achieve high-impact, community-driven stormwater solutions at scale. Our green infrastructure projects are designed to maximize community benefits, delivered at scale, and maintained for the long-term. Greenprint Partners is a women-owned, certified B-Corp. Additional information available at: greenprintpartners.com.

US Water Alliance advances policies and programs to secure a sustainable water future for all. Established in 2008, the Alliance is a nationally recognized nonprofit organization that educates the nation on the true value of water, accelerates the adoption of one water policies and programs, and celebrates innovation in water management. The Alliance brings together diverse interests to identify and advance common-ground, achievable solutions to our nation's most pressing water challenges. Our membership includes water providers, public officials, business leaders, environmental organizations, community leaders, policy organizations, and more.

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