

## PRESS RELEASE

### **COLUMBIA GAS: Apply for 'green' grants**

Jan 18, 2008 — Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania and Columbia Gas of Maryland are encouraging area community and environmental groups to apply for the NiSource Environmental Challenge Fund grant.

The grants range between \$500 and \$5,000.

NiSource, the parent company of Columbia Gas divisions, created the nonprofit fund in 1995 to support local natural-resource and wildlife-improvement projects.

Grant guidelines are available on the NiSource Web site at [nisource.com](http://nisource.com). Click on "Our Commitment," then "Environmental." Next, click on "Challenge Fund."

The company will accept applications through Feb. 28.

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