MERCHANT CREEK CORRIDOR RESTORATION PROJECT
Stewardship Challenge Grant

WHAT’S HAPPENING?
In May 2018, Nippersink Watershed Association (NWA) received a Stewardship Challenge Grant from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation (ICECF). By fulfilling a number of requirements by November 2019, NWA can receive up to $32,000 from the Foundation to spend on land stewardship activities in the Merchant Creek corridor. If you’d like to learn more about ICECF and their grant programs visit their website: illinoiscleanenergy.org.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- **VOLUNTEER** We will receive $4000 from the Foundation when we have logged 400 volunteer hours of stewardship work within the Merchant Creek corridor. With the help of many volunteers since June 2017, we have been making great progress on removing invasive brush in the corridor which NWA owns. An impressive display of native plants emerged in the cleared area in Spring 2018. Please check our website and Facebook page for our posted workdays which will typically be held from 8-10:30 am on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

- **DONATE** The Foundation will also match 3:1 all donations to our Stewardship of Merchant Creek Corridor Fund, up to $21,000. You can donate
  - By sending a check to:
    Nippersink Watershed Association
    7602 Hancock Drive, Wonder Lake, IL 60097
    *please write CSgrant in the memo space*
  - OR use the PayPal link at our website: nippersink.org/CSgrant to pay with PayPal or credit card

- **STAY IN TOUCH** We will keep the Nippersink Community updated on our progress.
  - Visit our website: nippersink.org
  - Check out our Facebook page: Nippersink Watershed Association
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Merchant Creek

Village of Wonder Lake

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