



2025 National Environmental Achievement Award Honorees

The National Environmental Achievement Awards recognizes individuals and NACWA member agencies that have made outstanding contributions to environmental protection and the clean water community.

Individual NEAA Awards

FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

- **The Honorable Patty Murray (D-WA)**, U.S. Senate
- **The Honorable Henry T. Wingate**, US District Court Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi

STATE PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

- **David Bulova**, Delegate, Virginia House of Delegates

LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

- **Lance Hines**, Little Rock City Director & Ex-Officio Member, Little Rock Water Reclamation Commission, AR

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

- **D. Michael Mucha**, Former Executive Director, Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District, WI
- **Talyon Sortor**, Former General Manager, Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District, CA

UTILITY LEADERSHIP

- **Daniel C. Fischer**, Deputy General Manager Plant Operations, Maintenance, and Laboratory, Clark County Water Reclamation District, NV
- **Aaron Fox**, Executive Director, Lowell Regional Wastewater Utility, MA
- **Michael T. McEvoy**, Executive Director, Western Virginia Water Authority, VA
- **James A. Parrott**, Executive Director/CEO, Louisville and Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District, KY

Member Agency NEAA Awards

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP (>250,000 POP.)

- Clark County Water Reclamation District, NV
Septic Conversion Project
- El Paso Water, TX
Arroyo 1 Dam and Green Infrastructure Improvements
- King County Wastewater Treatment Division, WA
Sewer Heat Recovery
- Narragansett Bay Commission, RI
Green Stormwater Projects in Central Falls, RI
- Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, OH
Utility Assistance Resource Fairs
- Sacramento Area Sewer District, CA
Confluence Regional Partnership Program

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP (<250,000 POP.)

- Gulf Coast Authority, TX
Trash Bash

OPERATIONS & ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

- City of Columbus Department of Public Utilities, OH
Blueprint Columbus
- Derry Township Municipal Authority, PA
Waste & Energy Recovery Enhancements at the Clearwater WWTF



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OPERATIONS & ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE
(CONT.)

- Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District, WI
Working Together to Protect Freshwater
- Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, WI
Fresh Coast Green Infrastructure Programming

PUBLIC INFORMATION & EDUCATION: E-MEDIA

- Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District, WI
Investing in Our Future
- Metropolitan Wastewater
Management Commission, OR
Pollution Prevention Digital Advertising Campaign
- Orange County Sanitation District, CA
Connection Newsletter
- South Essex Sewerage District, MA
SESD Updated Website and Logo

PUBLIC INFORMATION & EDUCATION: EDUCATIONAL
PROGRAM

- City of Los Angeles - LA Sanitation and
Environment, CA
*Sewer Service Charge Rate Adjustment
Outreach*
- Fairfax County Wastewater
Management Program, VA
Outreach Program
- Hampton Roads Sanitation District, VA
*Boater Education and Pump-Out
Internship Program*
- Prince William Water, VA
Water Academy
- Stafford County Utilities, VA
Public Outreach with Superhero "Captain Clog"

PUBLIC INFORMATION & EDUCATION: EDUCATIONAL
PROGRAM (CONT.)

- Western Virginia Water Authority, VA
Mural Art Contest

PUBLIC INFORMATION & EDUCATION: PRINTED
PUBLICATION

- AlexRenew, VA
Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) Brochure
- Mount Pleasant Waterworks, SC
Plant Tour Guide

PUBLIC INFORMATION & EDUCATION: VIDEO

- Great Lakes Water Authority, MI
Freshwater to Drinking Water
- King County Wastewater
Treatment Division, WA
Operator-in-Training Program
- NEW Water, WI
Critical Assets: Protecting Your Health, Every Day
- Sacramento Area Sewer District, CA
Stop the Clog Campaign
- Western Lake Superior Sanitary District, MN
Field Green® Biosolids: A Resource Recovery Story

RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY

- Western Virginia Water Authority, VA
BioGas to Renewable Natural Gas Project



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WATERSHED COLLABORATION

- Hampton Roads Sanitation District, VA
Eastern Shore Transmission Sewer Force Main & Pump Stations
- LOTT Clean Water Alliance, WA
CleanWater Community Connections

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- AlexRenew, VA
AlexRenew Apprenticeship Program
- City of Los Angeles -
LA Sanitation and Environment, CA
Workforce Equity Demonstration Program
- El Paso Water, TX
Skills for Sustainability Training Program
- Hampton Roads Sanitation District, VA
LIFE Conference
- Johnson County Wastewater, KS
Progression Program
- Louisville & Jefferson County
Metropolitan Sewer District, KY
Louisville MSD Apprenticeship Program
- Orange County Sanitation District, CA
Employee Development Program
- Stafford County Utilities, VA
*Internship Program Between Utilities Department
and Public Schools*
- Western Virginia Water Authority, VA
*Registered High School Apprenticeship and
PE Pipeline Program*