

## **PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT AWARDS AND HONORS**

### **Water Reclamation Services and Sewer Maintenance**

2010: NACWA Silver Award

2011: NACWA Silver Award

2011: George W. Burke Jr. Facility Safety Award

2012: NACWA Gold Award

2012: OWEA Engineering Excellence Award

2013: NACWA Silver Award

2014: NACWA Silver Award

2015: OWEA William D. Hatfield Award – awarded to Tom Smith, Plant Engineer

2015: Ohio NESOWEA Collection Systems Award – awarded to Jim Aitken, Sewer Maintenance Supervisor

NACWA's Peak Performance Awards recognizes NACWA member agency facilities for excellence in permit compliance. This recognition program consists of three categories – Platinum, Gold and Silver.

#### ■ Platinum Awards

Platinum Awards recognize 100% compliance with permits over a consecutive five-year period. Platinum Awards will be given to facilities with a consistent record of full compliance for a consecutive five year period

#### ■ Gold Awards

Gold Awards are presented to facilities with no permit violations for the entire calendar year.

#### ■ Silver Awards

Silver Awards are presented to facilities with no more than five violations per calendar year.

All treatment facility applicants must be publicly owned by a current NACWA member agency and be in operation for at least one month or more during a calendar year. Treatment facilities must provide, at minimum, secondary treatment, or advanced primary treatment with a 301(h) waiver.

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### **Water Supply Bureau**

- 2012, 2013 and 2014: City of Akron received the Water Fluoridation Quality Award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- 2013: Jessica Glowczewski, Akron Watershed Superintendent, received the Water Management Association of Ohio's Distinguished Service Award
- 2014: City of Akron received the Honor Award for the Upper Cuyahoga Drinking Water Protection Plan from the American Society of Landscape Architects, Ohio Chapter
- 2015: City of Akron received an Engineering Excellence Honors Award Upper Cuyahoga Drinking Water Protection Plan from American Council of Engineering Companies
- 2015: City of Akron gained endorsement from the Ohio EPA for Akron's Upper Cuyahoga River Source Water Protection Program
- 2015: Jeff Bronowski, Akron Water Supply Bureau Manager, received the Ohio American Water Works Association Operator Meritorious – Treatment Award
- 2015: Christian Simmons, Akron Utility Intern, received the Ohio American Water Works Association Scholarship Award
- 2015: Kenneth Crisp, Akron Water Civil Engineer, received the University of Akron Trajectory Award

### **Public Works Bureau, Sanitation Services Division**

- 2007: Robert L. Harris, Jr., Sanitation Services Manager, received the Solid Waste Innovator of the Year award from the Solid Waste Association of North America, Ohio Buckeye Chapter
- 2007: Sanitation Services Division received the Excellence in Public Service Award for Automated Solid Waste Collection Service from the Street Maintenance and Sanitation Officials of Ohio

## **Engineering Bureau**

2015: Tree City USA - 20 Years, presented by Arbor Day Foundation

2015: Patrick D. Gsellman, P.E., Environmental Division Manager, received the J. W. Ellms Award from the OWEA (the J. W. Ellms Award is presented to an individual who is in an administrative or supervisory position, stressing participation in conference activities, civic affairs, and leadership)

2014: Michelle DiFiore, P.E., Project Management Professional (PMP) Certification

2013: James Andrew Hewitt, P.E., City Engineer, received the OWEA NESOWEA Collection Systems Award

2012: South Main Street Roadway Improvements, Part I – Outstanding Highway Project over \$3 million, ASHE Cuyahoga Valley Section

2012: Innovation Way Roundabout – Engineering Excellence Awards Honor Award

2011: Little Cuyahoga River Restoration – Recognition Award Annual Meeting, Summit County Soil and Water Conservation District

2011: Little Cuyahoga River – Goodyear World Headquarters – Conservation Award presented by Urban Retrofit/Stream Restoration Project

2011: Lock 4 Canal Park Improvements – Engineering Excellence Awards Honor Award

2010-2011: Michelle DiFiore, P.E., Leadership Akron Class 27

2010: Beech Street Trailhead – Engineering Excellence Awards Honor Award, ACEC of Ohio

2010: Employers Award from the American Society of Civil Engineers, Akron-Canton Section

2009: James Andrew Hewitt, P.E., City Engineer, received the OWEA Golden Manhole Award

2009: Cascade Locks Phase IIA Trail Project – Outstanding Engineering Achievement Award presented by Akron District Society of Professional Engineers

2008: U.S. 224 Improvement Project – Engineering Excellence Awards Honor Award

2008: U.S. 224 Improvement Project – Outstanding Highway Project Award presented by ASHE Cuyahoga Valley Section

2008: GIS/Infor integration and data conversion, ESRI SAG (Special Achievement in GIS)

2008: Utilities data conversion process, OGRIP (Ohio Geographic Reference Program) Best Practices Award

2007: CSO Rack 40 & 31 Basin Project – ACEC Ohio Engineering Excellence Award, Outstanding Achievement Award

Grant Awards:

2009 - Little Cuyahoga River Restoration Phase I – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Green Infrastructure Grant - \$2,479,129 (100% of project costs)

2009 - Little Cuyahoga River Restoration Phase II – OEPA 319(h) Grant - \$400,000

2009 - Little Cuyahoga River Restoration – Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Grant - \$855,962

2009 - Landmark Building Cleanup – Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund Grant - \$1,915,050

2010 - Landmark Building Roof Cleanup – ARRA Brownfield Cleanup - \$194,920

I-76/I-77 Main Broadway Interchange presentations to ODOT TRAC (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012) – resulting in \$5M for final design (2011), \$8M for ROW (2012), and a recommended for construction funding as well

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