

WEF Announces Fourth Year Of MS4 Award Winners At WEFTEC 2018

Twenty-two high-performing municipalities received recognition in the fourth annual National Municipal Stormwater and Green Infrastructure Awards on Oct. 1. These awards celebrate administrators of municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) that perform beyond regulatory requirements.

Developed and introduced in 2015 by the Water Environment Federation (WEF) in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), this year's distinctions were awarded to the winners during the annual Stormwater Congress Luncheon at WEFTEC 2018 in New Orleans, La.

The awards recognize performance in the categories of innovation and program management as well combined high scores in both categories. Applications for the National Municipal Stormwater and Green Infrastructure Awards are reviewed by a broad work team of water sector experts.

The awards also are separated into two classifications based on the population of the communities they serve. The classifications are:

- Phase I, which encompass cities with more than 100,000 customers, and
- Phase II, which encompass smaller storm sewer systems outside of heavily populated urban areas.

The winners of the 4th annual National Municipal Stormwater and Green Infrastructure Awards are:

Phase I Winners

- Lexington-Fayette (Ky.) Urban County Government, Division of Water Quality—Program Management and Overall Highest Score
- Louisville (Ky.) Metropolitan Sewer District—Innovation

Phase II Winners

- City of Alexandria, Va.—Innovation and Overall Highest Score
- City of Auburn, Ala.—Program Management

In addition to the winners, the other applicants were categorized into levels signifying their status among other MS4 communities across the country. Each MS4 received a certificate indicating either Silver or Gold level status in both program management and innovation.

Silver recognition in Innovation

Phase I

- Anne Arundel County, Md.
- City of Dayton, Department of Water, Ohio
- City of Glendale (Ariz.) Water Services Department
- City of Los Angeles, LA Sanitation and Environment, Watershed Protection Division
- City of Pensacola, Fla.
- District Department of the Environment, Washington, D.C.
- Fairfax County (Va.) Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, Stormwater Planning Division
- Jefferson Parish, La.
- State of Hawaii Department of Transportation, Highways Division, Oahu District

Phase II

- Capitol Region Watershed District, Minnesota
- City of Richmond (Va.) Department of Public Utilities
- East Lampeter Township, Pa.
- Lake Havasu City, Ariz.

- Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District,
- Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans
- St. Tammany Parish Government, La.
- Town of North Hempstead, N.Y.
- Town of Yarmouth, Mass.

Gold recognition in Program Management

Phase I

- Anne Arundel County, Md.
- City of Dayton, Department of Water, Ohio
- City of Glendale, Water Services Department, Ariz.
- City of Los Angeles, LA Sanitation and Environment, Watershed Protection Division
- District Department of the Environment, Washington, D.C
- Fairfax County (Va.) Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, Stormwater Planning Division
- Jefferson Parish, La.
- State of Hawaii Department of Transportation, Highways Division, Oahu District

Phase II

- Capitol Region Watershed District, Minn.
- City of Richmond (Va.) Department of Public Utilities
- East Lampeter Township, Pa.
- Lake Havasu City, Ariz.
- Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District
- Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans
- Town of Yarmouth, Mass.

Silver recognition in Program Management

Phase I

- City of Pensacola, Fla.

Phase II

- St. Tammany Parish Government, La.
- Town of North Hempstead, N.Y.

For more information, visit ;www.wef.org/MS4awards.

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