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One Water Awards Nominations Open; Partnership Expands

Awards program recognizes sustainable solutions to state's water challenges.

TRENTON, May 1, 2018 - Nominations are open for the second annual New Jersey One Water Awards program, which recognizes integration in water projects and programs. Two additional organizations have become One Water sponsors this year. Together the sponsors represent over 9,000 members each of whom work to advance aspects of integrated water management.

The One Water Awards spotlight projects and programs that exemplify integration across the water cycle, that reflect collaboration, innovation, and public education, and that advance long-term sustainability by meeting multiple needs and generating multiple benefits. The five sponsoring organizations are:

- American Water Resources Association's New Jersey section (AWRA-NJ)
- American Water Works Association's New Jersey section (AWWA-NJ)
- Association of Environmental Authorities (AEA)
- Jersey Water Works (JWW)
- New Jersey Water Environment Association (NJWEA)

"We are excited to open the 2018 nomination period to honor One Water projects across the public, private, nonprofit, and academic sectors," said Brian Carr, chair of AWWA-NJ. "We are excited to partner with all of these organizations because we all have sustainable, clean water in our missions."

"Last year the jury had difficulty deciding among applications, because so many of the nominated projects had meaningful stakeholder collaboration and powerful results," said Jen Brunton, director of environmental services at Louis Berger, also a member of the 2017 One Water Awards jury and a member of the Steering Committee of Jersey Water Works. "We decided on a tie in the public category. We are definitely eager to see all the entries this year."

The **winners in 2017** were the City of Hoboken, the Landis Sewerage Authority in Vineland, Middlesex Water Company, and the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association. Each organization received a trophy and recognition from their peers at the annual conferences of each sponsoring organization.

"We were impressed with the number of strong applications that the awards program received in its first year, and we look forward to seeing the progress that One Water is making as a resource management strategy across the state," said Peggy Gallos, executive director at AEA, also a member of the 2017 One Water Awards jury and a member of the Steering Committee of Jersey Water Works.

Both AWRA-NJ and NJWEA are joining the partnership in 2018 for the first time.

"The purpose of the One Water Awards couples well with AWRA-NJ's mission statement, and we are confident that this partnership will help tighten the bonds and expand the network of New Jersey's water resource community - an important component of long-term sustainability," said Virginia Michelin, past president of AWRA-NJ and member of the 2017 One Water Awards jury.

"This is a great opportunity to promote sustainable, integrated approaches to managing our state's most precious resource. We at NJWEA are proud to help incentivize projects and programs that employ innovation and education with other community benefits," said Robert DeBlock, incoming president of NJWEA.

The One Water Awards will be presented in three categories: public, private and non-profit/academic. Eligible projects or programs must be located in New Jersey and, projects must have been completed within the past five years or, if under construction, must be at least 50 percent complete. Submissions must be received by 5 p.m. Sept. 30, 2018. For complete awards program rules, visit [New Jersey One Water Awards](#).

Honorees will be announced at the AEA conference in November 2018, awarded trophies at the JWW conference in December and recognized at industry events including the AWRA-NJ conference in December 2018, the AWWA-NJ conference in March 2019 and the NJWEA conference in May 2019.

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About Jersey Water Works

Jersey Water Works is a collaborative effort of **many diverse organizations and individuals** who embrace the common purpose of transforming New Jersey's inadequate water infrastructure by investing in sustainable, cost-effective solutions that provide communities with clean water and waterways; healthier, safer neighborhoods; local jobs; flood and climate resilience; and economic growth. **New Jersey Future** facilitates the work of the collaborative.



About the American Water Resources Association New Jersey section

The **New Jersey American Water Resources Association** provides professional development and educational opportunities for all persons interested or working in the field of water resources in New Jersey. The Section provides a common forum in which to meet, discuss, exchange ideas, and assist all persons concerned with the conservation, development, management, and utilization of fresh and marine waters and related resources together with their environmental aspects.



About the Association of Environmental Authorities

The **Association of Environmental Authorities** is a non-profit association of governmental agencies and supporting private businesses dedicated to maintaining and improving New Jersey's land and water environment by providing high-quality water, wastewater and solid waste utility services to residents and businesses.



About the American Water Works Association New Jersey Section

The **American Water Works Association** (AWWA), the world's largest association of water professionals with over 50,000 members. The **AWWA New Jersey section** represents over 1,300 members united in a mission to provide New Jersey residents with a safe and reliable supply of drinking water. Members include most of New Jersey's public and investor-owned water utilities along with engineering and environmental professionals and allied industry businesses. AWWA works to make advances in public health, safety and welfare by uniting the efforts of the full spectrum of drinking water professionals.



About the New Jersey Water Environment Association

The **New Jersey Water Environment Association** is a non profit educational organization dedicated to preserving and enhancing the water environment. Founded in 1915 the Association is the oldest organization of it's kind in the United States. With a membership of 2800 engineers, operators, scientists, students and other professionals the NJWEA is an environmental leader in New Jersey.