



North Shore Water Reclamation District

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What's New?

North Shore Water Reclamation District Trustee Stephen Drew Receives Prestigious IAWA Award

The North Shore Water Reclamation District (NSWRD) is proud to announce that Trustee Stephen Drew, representing Ward 2, was honored by the Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies (IAWA), receiving the coveted IAWA Public Official Award for exceptional service to the community. Drew, a lifelong Waukegan resident who retired as Superintendent of Public Works for the City of Waukegan, has served as a NSWRD Trustee since 2002. Currently he is President of the Board, a role Drew has served in for nine terms.

Throughout his 23 years of District service, Stephen Drew has been a driving force behind many of the Board's accomplishments, including successful negotiations with Federal and other contract customers to ensure that District customers don't bear additional risk or otherwise subsidize operating costs under those agreements, significant construction projects to reduce energy consumption, removal of harmful nutrients from local waterways, enhancement of the security of operating systems, the commitment of District emergency generators during local electricity grid emergencies, and more.

IAWA's mission is to further the common interest of publicly owned wastewater collection and treatment agencies located within the State of Illinois in their

efforts to provide cost-effective treatment of wastewater so that sound public health and environmental goals may be achieved. The IAWA is a strong voice for wastewater with fifty-seven sanitary districts and municipal government members responsible for treating over 80% of the state's wastewater flows.

The NSWRD is a municipal body dedicated to the beneficial reuse of our water resources while protecting Lake Michigan, local waterways and the environment through sustainable and fiscally responsible wastewater practices at its facilities, located in Gurnee, Waukegan, and Highland Park. For more information about the NSWRD please visit NorthShoreWRD.org.



Consider Working at the NSWRD

Employment opportunities, ranging from seasonal positions to exciting full-time careers, could be in your future at the North Shore Water Reclamation District. Please check our website regularly for a list of current openings. We encourage anyone who might be interested in working for an employer that helps protect the environment to apply for an open position by sending a resume or letter of interest to HRmail@NorthShoreWRD.org.

Jobs at the NSWRD include positions in operations, maintenance, laboratory, engineering, IT, and more. We offer stability, growth, great benefits, and competitive salaries.

Your dream job might just be the one you've never dreamed existed.

The District Has a New Website!

The Board of Trustees of the NSWRD is pleased to introduce the District's new website, NorthShoreWRD.org. It's filled with valuable information that's all easy to access. Check it out!



We're Under Construction

If you've visited the NSWRD administrative office in Gurnee recently, you know there's a building project happening. We're updating the Administration Building to house the CMOM (Capacity, Management, Operations, and Maintenance) program, the framework used to best manage, operate, and maintain the District sewer systems, designed to provide an elevated level of service to our customers. 14,000 square feet will be added to the existing building, providing space for CMOM staff and equipment, as well as offices for the District's purchasing and automation departments, a workshop and storage space, and a garage to receive laboratory samples. This project is expected to be completed by August 2026.

The NSWRD is also updating the disinfection equipment at all three of its Water Reclamation Facilities (Gurnee, Clavey Road, and Waukegan). The existing systems have performed well for the past 25 years but now need to be changed. New energy efficient low-pressure, high-output ultraviolet (UV) disinfection systems will be installed at each WRF in new structures adjacent to the existing UV structures and will include state-of-the-art effluent flow metering.

Work began at Gurnee in September 2025 and will commence at Clavey Road and Waukegan in March of 2026. The entire project is expected to be completed by April 2027.

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You're Invited to Visit Us

We're proud of our Water Reclamation Facilities and we'd be delighted to have you visit. You'll see our state-of-the-art equipment and learn all about the processes used to treat wastewater, making it safe for reuse.

Tours are offered Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm, depending on scheduling at each of our plants, and last approximately 1-2 hours. For safety reasons, tour participants must be at least 10 years of age or in 5th grade.

To schedule a tour, please complete and submit the Tour Application Form on our website, NorthShoreWRD.org/Tour. If you can't come in person, no problem. You can take a

virtual tour on our website from the comfort of your living room chair. Either way, we know it will be enjoyable and informative. We look forward to seeing you soon.



Here's something else we think you'll enjoy, that's both free and informative:
<https://northshorewrld.org/wp-content/uploads/TheABCsofWaterReuse.pdf>



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