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# **North Shore Water Reclamation District**

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## **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, north Waukegan, 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 recently 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 held for nine terms.

Throughout his 23 years of service Stephen Drew has been the driving force behind many of the Board's accomplishments, including but not limited to, working with the Navy for equitable sharing of expenses for NSWRD capital projects at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center and Fort Sheridan; initiating the Bio-P Project, a \$14M Aeration project to upgrade equipment for the biological removal of phosphorous, reducing electricity usage by almost 30%; renegotiating a service agreement to equalize contributions for all Lake County users; spearheading the celebration of the District's Centennial in 2014 with the renaming of the District, emphasizing a new mission; championing a \$5.9M IEPA loan project, to ensure superior security of District operations and facilities through the PLC

Project; initiating efforts for the District to commit emergency standby generators during times when the local electricity grid is under duress, thereby minimizing any adverse effects. 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 treatment 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](http://NorthShoreWRD.org).

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