



North Shore Water Reclamation District

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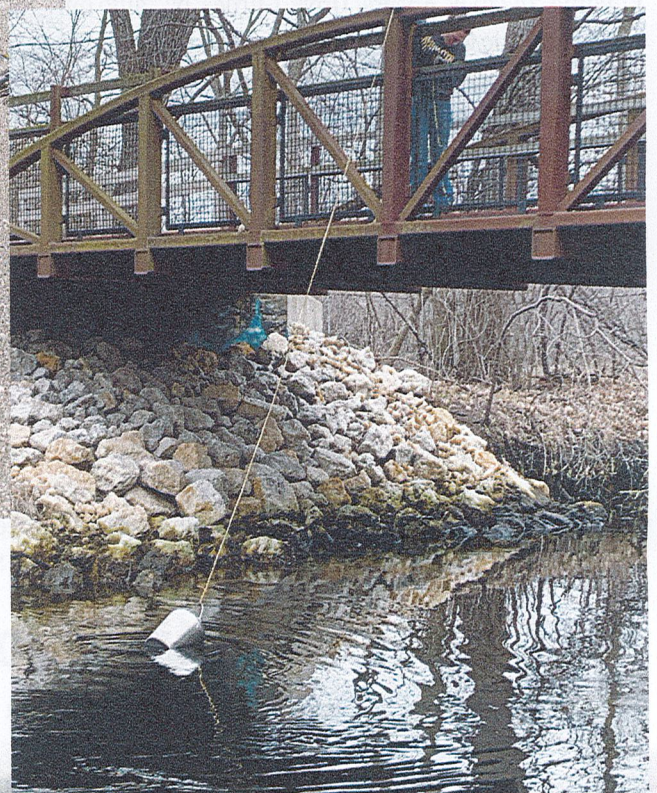
North Shore Water Reclamation District is Proud to Participate in Watershed Workgroups

The North Shore Water Reclamation District is proud to be an active member of both the Des Plaines River Watershed Workgroup (DRWW) and the North Branch Chicago River Watershed Workgroup (NBWW). The missions of the groups are similar. By bringing together a diverse coalition of stakeholders including Water Reclamation Districts and municipalities, they work collaboratively in a cost-effective manner to monitor and improve the water quality in our waterways. Laboratory studies and research initiatives conducted by the workgroups ensure that the highest quality of treated water is released into the receiving watersheds by meeting, and exceeding regulatory requirements for the health of aquatic life and safety of recreational water activities.

As part of the continuous sampling and monitoring of the water in the watersheds, the DRWW and NBWW are currently working on a Nutrient Assessment Reduction Plan (NARP). The NARP is an extensive undertaking with extreme importance. It identifies the sources of nutrient related impairments that could include low dissolved oxygen levels, large swings in dissolved oxygen levels, and algae growth.

The Watershed Workgroups are charged with conducting a data analysis to provide a better understanding of the relationships between pollutants (nutrients, algae, and dissolved oxygen) in the watershed. They must then identify the links between the nutrient inputs with the goal of developing a model that will predict pollutant levels in the watershed and their effect on water quality and aquatic life. Management tools will then be created to successfully address the nutrient related impairments within the watershed so that actions can be recommended to the IEPA to improve water quality.

This exciting project will have an incredibly positive impact on the health of aquatic life and the safety of our recreational waters. For more information about the Watershed Workgroups, please visit <https://www.drww.org> and <http://nbwwil.org>.



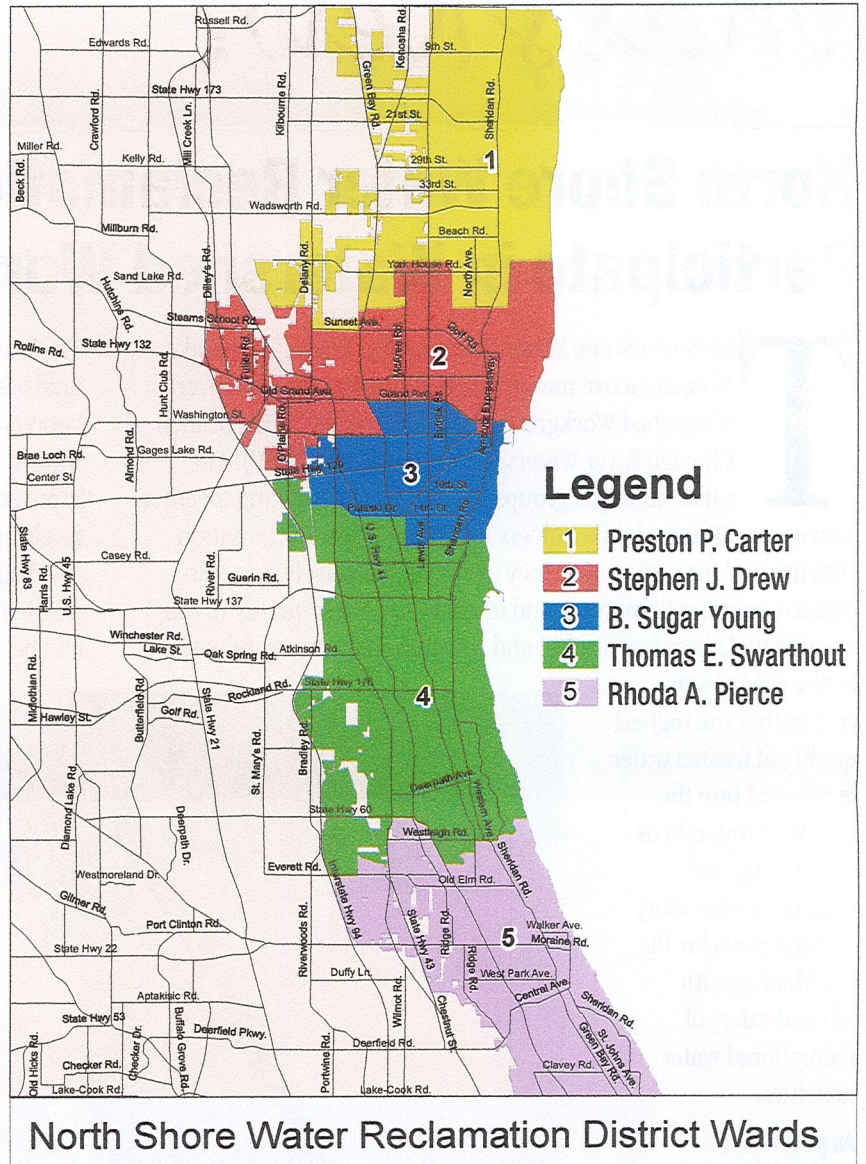
Ward Reapportionment

In 1975, an amendment to the North Shore Sanitary District Act, divided the North Shore Water Reclamation District into five wards and gave voters the right to directly choose Trustees, making it only one of three wastewater treatment agencies in Illinois with a Board that is directly accountable to voters. Every 10 years, following a census, the Wards are reapportioned to reflect changes in the population. This happened recently. Please refer to the map to confirm your Ward and your Trustee.

Billing Updates

The NSWRD Board of Trustees waived late fees for almost 2 years during Covid and recently took further action to support District customers by cutting those charges in half. From January 1, 2022, and continuing through June 30, 2022, late fees on past due invoices are reduced from the standard 10% fee established by Ordinance, to 5%. As of July 1, 2022, the District's temporary emergency policies will expire and the 10%, pre-Covid late fee policy will be fully reinstated.

Paying your NSWRD bill has never been easier. Bills can be paid by mail, in person at the District Administration Building, 14770 W. Koepsel Drive, Gurnee, by "auto bill pay" electronic withdrawal, or, by credit card via the Illinois Treasurer's Office "E-pay Program". For more information, please visit our website northshorewrdd.org, refer to the back side of your billing statement, or contact a billing representative at 847.623.6060. If you've fallen behind, please call our billing department directly to arrange a payment plan agreement.



Summer and Seasonal Jobs Are Available Now

We're hiring! If you or someone you know is looking for a summer or seasonal job, please contact our office. Jobs available at the North Shore Water Reclamation Facilities in Waukegan, Highland Park, and Gurnee include lab bench work, computer work, engineering special projects, landscaping, painting, cleaning, and more. Seasonal

workers earn \$15.50/hour and work Monday through Friday from 6:30 am until 3 pm. Many are students who return to work during winter break. For more information, please call the NSWRD office, 847.623.6060.

Neighborhood Notification Outreach

The North Shore Water Reclamation District has instituted a Neighbor Notification System to provide residents living near NSWRD facilities with updates that are relevant to them including emergency notifications, information about construction projects, odor issues, safety, and more.

Letters were sent to neighbors within 1,000 feet of the District's facilities, asking them to opt in by sending us their email and mailing addresses. If you received a letter and did not yet opt in to receive notifications, you can still do so by sending your information to notifications@northshorewrdd.org.



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