

- 2025 Wastewater Treatment Center receives Silver Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) for having no more than 5 NPDES permit excursions during 2024.
- 2024 Amy Underwood, General Manager for the District, received a 2024 Outstanding Service Award from the Central States Water Environment Association CSWEA in recognition of her service as President 2023-24
- 2023 Jeff Barta, Maintenance Supervisor for the District, received the 2023 Operations Award from the Central States Water Environment Association (CSWEA)
- 2022 Wastewater Treatment Center receives Silver Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) for having no more than 5 NPDES permit excursions during 2021.
- 2020 District earns an Earth Flag from SCARCE in recognition of its sustainability and energy efficiency efforts.
- 2020 District Trustee, Wallace Van Buren, receives a 2019 Village Public Service Award from the Village of Westmont in recognition of going above and beyond to serve the community.
- 2020 Stephanie Cioni, Lab Analyst for the District, receives the Outstanding Young Professional Award from the Central States Water Environment Association (CSWEA)
- 2018 Wastewater Treatment Center receives 2018 Sustainability and Green Infrastructure Award from Central States Water Environment Association (CSWEA).
- 2018 American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois 2018 Merit Award for Engineering Excellence for projects worthy of recognition for the engineer and owner for Project: WWTC Phase 2 Combined Heat & Power Improvements.
- 2018 Wastewater Treatment Center Phase 2 Combined Heat and Power Improvements project was selected as a Public Works Project of the Year in the Environment category Less Than \$5 Million from American Public Works Association (APWA) Suburban Chicago Chapter.
- 2018 District Trustee, Wallace Van Buren, receives the “Outstanding Public Official Award” from the Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies for exemplifying the highest standards of public service and professionalism through his service to the Downers Grove Sanitary District, his local community, and the civil engineering profession.

- 2018 Nick Menninga, Manager of the District from 2007-2020, receives the "Illinois Award" from the Illinois Association of Sanitary Districts representing outstanding contributions to the field of wastewater collection and treatment.
- 2017 Wastewater Treatment Center receives Silver Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) for having no more than 5 NPDES permit excursions during 2016.
- 2016 "Utility of the Future Today" Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, the Water Environment Federation, the Water Environment Research Foundation and the United States Environmental Protection Agency.
- 2016 Wastewater Treatment Center receives Gold Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) for having no NPDES permit excursions during 2015.
- 2016 Wastewater Treatment Center receives the "DuPage River Clean Water Award" from The Conservation Foundation. The Foundation presents the Award to the wastewater facility that has maintained the highest wastewater quality standards during 2015.
- 2016 Clay Campbell, Administrative Supervisor, receives the "Outstanding Member Award" from the Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies in recognition of his efforts to improve the quality of the environment through wastewater treatment.
- 2015 Wastewater Treatment Center receives Gold Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) for having no NPDES permit excursions during 2014.
- 2014 Wastewater Treatment Center receives the "DuPage River Clean Water Award" from The Conservation Foundation. The Foundation presents the Award to the wastewater facility that has maintained the highest wastewater quality standards during 2013.
- 2013 Wastewater Treatment Center receives Gold Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) for having no NPDES permit excursions during 2012.
- 2012 Bob Swirsky, Sewer Maintenance Supervisor for the District, receives the Collection System Award from the Central States Water Environment Association (CSWEA)
- 2011 Wastewater Treatment Center receives Silver Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) for having no more than 5 NPDES permit excursions during 2010.
- 2011 Nick Menninga, General Manager, receives the "Outstanding Member Award" from the Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies in recognition of his efforts to improve the quality of the environment through wastewater treatment.

- 2010 Wastewater Treatment Center receives Silver Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) for having no more than 5 NPDES permit excursions during 2009.
- 2009 American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois 2008 Merit Award for Engineering Excellence for projects worthy of recognition for the engineer and owner for Project: Aeration Improvements.
- 2008 Wastewater Treatment Center receives Silver Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) for having no more than 5 NPDES permit excursions during 2007.
- 2008 Wastewater Treatment Center receives the "DuPage River Clean Water Award" from The Conservation Foundation. The Foundation presents the Award to the wastewater facility that has maintained the highest wastewater quality standards during 2007.
- 2008 District Trustee, Donald Eckmann, receives the "Outstanding Public Official Award" from the Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies for exemplifying the highest standards of public service and professionalism through his service to the Downers Grove Sanitary District, his local community, and the civil engineering profession.
- 2007 Wastewater Treatment Center receives the "DuPage River Clean Water Award" from The Conservation Foundation. The Foundation presents the Award to the wastewater facility that has maintained the highest wastewater quality standards during 2006.
- 2007 Wastewater Treatment Center receives Silver Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) for having no more than 5 NPDES permit excursions during 2006.
- 2007 American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois 2007 Merit Award for Engineering Excellence for projects worthy of recognition for the engineer and owner for Project: Sodium Hypochlorite Generation System.
- 2007 Wally Van Buren, Trustee of the District from 1992-present, receives the "Illinois Award" from the Illinois Association of Sanitary Districts representing outstanding contributions to the field of wastewater collection and treatment.
- 2006 Wastewater Treatment Center receives Gold Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) formerly the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies for having no NPDES permit excursions during 2005.
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- 2004 Wastewater Treatment Center receives Gold Award from the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies for having no NPDES permit excursions during 2003.
- 2004 Wastewater Treatment Center receives the "DuPage River Clean Water Award" from The Conservation Foundation. The Foundation presents the Award to the wastewater facility that has maintained the highest wastewater quality standards during 2003.
- 2003 Wastewater Treatment Center receives Silver Award from the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies for having no more than 5 NPDES permit excursions during 2002.
- 2003 Larry Cox, General Manager, receives the "Outstanding Member Award" from the Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies in recognition of his efforts to improve the quality of the environment through wastewater treatment.
- 2002 Wastewater Treatment Center receives the "DuPage River Clean Water Award" from The Conservation Foundation. The Foundation presents the Award to the wastewater facility that has maintained the highest wastewater quality standards during 2001.
- 2002 Wastewater Treatment Center receives Silver Award from the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies for having no more than 5 NPDES permit excursions during 2001.
- 2002 Wastewater Treatment Center receives Treatment Facility Operations Award from the Central States Water Environment Association in recognition of outstanding contributions in advancing knowledge and water quality improvement.
- 2001 Wastewater Treatment Center receives Gold Award from the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies for having no NPDES permit excursions during 2000.
- 2001 Wastewater Treatment Center receives the "DuPage River Clean Water Award" from The Conservation Foundation. The Foundation presents the Award to the wastewater facility that has maintained the highest wastewater quality standards during the previous year.
- 2000 Wastewater Treatment Center receives Gold Award from the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies for having no NPDES permit excursions during 1999.
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- 1999 Wastewater Treatment Center receives Silver Award from the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies for having no more than 5 NPDES permit excursions during 1998.
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- 1997 Roberto Rivera, Operations Supervisor, participates in the Water Environment Federation's Operations Challenge, a national competition which tests the abilities of four person teams to handle situations faced by wastewater professionals.
- 1997 Wastewater Treatment Center receives Gold Award from the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies for having no NPDES permit excursions during 1996.
- 1997 Roberto Rivera, Operations Supervisor, and personnel of the Wastewater Treatment Center receive the "Operation Award" from the Central States Water Environment Association in recognition of outstanding performance of a wastewater treatment facility and the demonstration of distinguished professionalism in the performance of their duties.
- 1996 Wastewater Treatment Center receives the "DuPage River Clean Water Award" from The Conservation Foundation of DuPage County. The award is based on a review of the Treatment Center operating data for the past five years and the Foundation's finding that the Wastewater Treatment Center "is one of the best in the watershed at cleaning up sewage."
- 1996 Wastewater Treatment Center receives Silver Award from the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies for having no more than 5 NPDES permit excursions during 1995.
- 1995 "Certificate of Excellence Award in Wastewater Safety" from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.
- 1995 Wastewater Treatment Center receives Silver Award from the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies for having no more than 5 NPDES permit excursions during 1994.
- 1995 Larry Cox, General Manager, receives the "Outstanding Member Award" from the Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies in recognition of his efforts to improve the quality of the environment through wastewater treatment.
- 1994 "Certificate of Excellence Award in Wastewater Safety" from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

- 1994 Maintenance Mechanic Frank Furtak participates in the Water Environment Federation's Operations Challenge, a national competition which tests the abilities of four person teams to handle situations faced by wastewater professionals.
- 1994 Wastewater Treatment Center receives Silver Award from the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies for having no more than 5 NPDES permit excursions during 1993.
- 1993 "Certificate of Excellence Award in Wastewater Safety" from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.
- 1993 Maintenance Mechanic Frank Furtak participates in the Water Environment Federation's Operations Challenge, a national competition which tests the abilities of four person teams to handle situations faced by wastewater professionals.
- 1993 Wastewater Treatment Center receives Silver Award from the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies for having no more than 5 NPDES permit excursions during 1992.
- 1993 Larry Cox, General Manager, and personnel of the Wastewater Treatment Center receive the "Operation Award" from the Central States Water Pollution Control Association in recognition of outstanding performance of a wastewater treatment facility and the demonstration of distinguished professionalism in the performance of their duties.
- 1992 "Certificate of Excellence Award in Wastewater Safety" from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.
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- 1990 Nomination for "Best Operated Wastewater Treatment Works" in Illinois. District is one of only six Group 1 facilities (facilities with design average flow of over 1 million gallons per day) nominated from the 166 Group 1 facilities considered statewide.
- 1990 Hugh A. Williams, Jr., Trustee-President, receives the "Outstanding Member Award" from the Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies.
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- 1988 Maintenance Technician Chuck Montgomery participates on a team which took First Place in the Process Control Event at Water Pollution Control Federation's Operations Challenge.
- 1988 Larry Cox, General Manager of the District from 1979-2007, receives the "Illinois Award" from the Illinois Association of Sanitary Districts. The "Illinois Award" recognizes the recipient's outstanding contributions to the field of wastewater treatment in the State of Illinois.
- 1987 "Certificate of Excellence Award in Wastewater Safety" from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.
- 1987 Larry Cox, General Manager, receives the "William D. Hatfield Award" from the Water Pollution Control Federation. This national award recognizes outstanding performance in operations, management and advancement of knowledge in the field of water pollution control.
- 1986 Roy Roush, a Sanitary District Trustee from 1951 to 1987, receives the Downers Grove Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year Award", recognizing his many years of participation in civic activities.
- 1986 Hugh Williams, Trustee-President, receives Resolution of Commendation from DuPage County Board for his many years of public service.
- 1986 Ralph Smith, Operations Director, and personnel of the Wastewater Treatment Center receive the "Operation Award" from the Central States Water Pollution Control Association in recognition of outstanding performance of a wastewater treatment facility and the demonstration of distinguished professionalism in the performance of their duties.
- 1986 Hugh Williams, Trustee-President, receives the "Trustee Service Award" from the Illinois Association of Sanitary Districts recognizing over two decades of outstanding performance and dedication as a sanitary district trustee.
- 1986 Wastewater Treatment Center is nominated for the "George W. Burke Facility Safety Award" presented by the Water Pollution Control Federation.
- 1985 Ralph Smith, Operations Director, is nominated for the "Outstanding Operator of the Year Award" presented by the Illinois Association of Water Pollution Control Operators which recognizes wastewater treatment facility operators for exemplary service.
- 1984 "Certificate of Excellence Award in Wastewater Safety" from Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

- 1981 Roy W. Roush, Trustee of the District from 1951-1987, receives the "Illinois Award" from the Illinois Association of Sanitary Districts representing outstanding contributions to the field of wastewater collection and treatment.
- 1969 Wastewater Treatment Center receives the "Fred Simms Memorial Award" for "Best Class A Sewage Treatment Plant"
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