

NORTH HUDSON SEWERAGE AUTHORITY AND CM2HILL-OMI WIN PRESTIGIOUS WAVE AWARD

The North Hudson Sewerage Authority and its operating partners, CH2MHILL-OMI has won a WAVE Award for Community Outreach or Partnership from the Association of Environmental Authorities (AEA) for its joint celebration and Earth Day Project in Union City.

The award was presented to the Authority at the AEA annual convention in Atlantic City during the second week of March. The Authority and CH2MHILL-OMI operate the Authority's two plants under a public-private arrangement and serve the communities of Hoboken, Union City, West New York and Weehawken.

The goal or objective of the project was to encourage residents of the communities serviced to participate in the celebration of Earth Day and to make residents of those communities aware of the importance of protecting the environment and safeguarding our water supplies, as well as educating them on ways they could help in keeping down costs of their waste water treatment and ensuring its efficiency.

The Union City Project was implemented on an athletic field at one of the Union City schools and while open to the general public, contained an additional emphasis to reach children. Earth Day T-Shirts, crayons and pencils, environmental coloring books and plant seedlings were distributed. In addition, there were games, face painting and contests involving clean water education for which prizes were distributed.

The goal was successful as approximately 750 persons attended the Union City event, while the communities of Hoboken, West New York and Weehawken distributed an additional 900 Earth Day T-shirts to children and residents in their respective communities. In addition, students at the Gilmore School in Union City put together a display titled "Introducing Mother Nature and the H2KnOws: 50 Ways to Save Our Water" for that community's celebration.

Authority Chairman Richard J. Wolff disclosed that this was the 15th WAVE Award won by the Authority in the last 17 years.

"We are proud and honored to have won this prestigious award once again," he said, "and it confirms our commitment to our member communities to protect the environment and continue our education and outreach programs. I wish to

thank my fellow commissioners David Lopez, Libero Marotta, Esq., Joseph Rivera, Frank Raia, Michael Schaffer, Harold Schroeder, Patleo Spaccavento and Katia Stack for their support and involvement in promulgating these programs.”

Photo Caption

WAVE Award – Fredric J. Pocci, P.E., Executive Director of the North Hudson Sewerage Authority, right, holds the WAVE Award won the Authority and its operating partner CH2MHILL-OMI presented by the Association of Environmental Authorities President Pamela J. Carolan, second from right. Joining in the ceremonies are Gary D. Fournier, Project Director, far left, and Stephen Hudock, Safety Manager of CH2MHILL-OMI. It was the 15th WAVE Award in the past 17 years won by the Authority.