



RECOGNITION PROGRAM 2018



For the third year, the partnership of water sector organizations - the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, the Water Environment Federation, the Water Research Foundation, and the WaterReuse Association - with input from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - proudly announce the 2018 Utility of the Future Today Recognition Program recipients.

The 2018 program celebrates the exceptional performance of 32 water resource recovery facilities for innovation in community engagement, watershed stewardship, and the recovery of resources such as water, energy, and nutrients.

The UOTF concept was introduced in 2013 to guide utilities of all sizes toward smarter, more efficient operations and a progression to full resource recovery with enhanced productivity, sustainability, and resiliency. Since then many utilities have successfully implemented new and creative programs to address local wastewater and water technical and community challenges. The Utility of the Future Today Recognition Program seeks applications from national and global water systems that are transforming operations through technology, communication and innovative solutions and that have performance results as evidence.

Innovation and technology are foundational criteria for this recognition and are the basis for providing a distinction between well-run utilities and those going beyond traditional operational practices toward visionary performance.

Since 2016, the partnership has honored 105 utilities meeting the criteria of the UOTF Today Program. The partnership will continue to seek organizations that build on their success by celebrating their advancements and experiences, and by encouraging the adoption of the UOTF principles which enable organizations across a broad range of capacities and capabilities to collaborate, learn and continue to evolve as a unified sector.



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Please join us in congratulating these Utility of the Future Today recipients:

- **Beckley Sanitary Board** (West Virginia)
Partnering & Engagement
- **Benton Harbor - St. Joseph Joint Wastewater Treatment Plant** (Michigan)
Energy Generation & Recovery
- **Carroll County Water Resources Coordination Council** (Maryland)
Partnering & Engagement
- **Charlotte Water** (North Carolina)
Energy Generation & Recovery
- **City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department** (Michigan)
Partnering & Engagement
- **City of Fayetteville** (Arkansas)
Energy Efficiency
- **City of Grandville Clean Water Plant** (Michigan)
Energy Generation & Recovery
- **City of Tallahassee** (Florida)
Beneficial Biosolids Reuse
- **City of Wooster Utilities** (Ohio)
Energy Generation & Recovery
- **Clean Water Services** (Oregon)
Energy Efficiency
- **Columbus Water Works** (Georgia)
Watershed Stewardship
- **DC Water** (District of Columbia)
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- **Delta Diablo** (California)
Water Reuse
- **Evesham Municipal Utilities Authority** (New Jersey)
Partnering & Engagement
- **Fort Wayne City Utilities** (Indiana)
Energy Generation & Recovery
- **Houston Water** (Texas)
Beneficial Biosolids Reuse
- **Kenosha Water Utility** (Wisconsin)
Partnering & Engagement
- **Lafayette Renew** (Indiana)
Partnering & Engagement
- **Massachusetts Water Resources Authority** (Massachusetts)
Energy Generation & Recovery
- **Metro Wastewater Reclamation District** (Colorado)
Beneficial Biosolids Reuse
- **Napa Sanitation District** (California)
Water Reuse

- **Queensland Urban Utilities** (Australia)
Partnering & Engagement
- **Region of Waterloo** (Ontario)
Beneficial Biosolids Reuse
- **Renewable Water Resources** (South Carolina)
Partnering & Engagement
- **Spokane County Environmental Services** (Washington)
Partnering & Engagement
- **St. Cloud Public Utilities** (Minnesota)
Watershed Stewardship
- **The Great Lakes Water Authority** (Michigan)
Beneficial Biosolids Reuse
- **Toho Water Authority** (Florida)
Partnering & Engagement
- **Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission** (Maryland)
Energy Generation & Recovery
- **Water Environment Services** (Oregon)
Partnering & Engagement
- **Western Monmouth Utilities Authority** (New Jersey)
Partnering & Engagement
- **Western Virginia Water Authority** (Virginia)
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About WEF

The Water Environment Federation is a not-for-profit technical and educational organization of 34,000 individual members and 75 affiliated Member Associations representing water quality professionals around the world. Since 1928, WEF and its members have protected public health and the environment. As a global water sector leader, our mission is to connect water professionals, enrich the expertise of water professionals, increase the awareness of the impact and value of water, and provide a platform for water sector innovation. To learn more, visit www.wef.org.

About NACWA

For nearly 50 years, the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) has been the nation's recognized leader in legislative, regulatory and legal advocacy on the full spectrum of clean water issues. NACWA represents public wastewater and stormwater agencies of all sizes nationwide. Our unique and growing network strengthens the advocacy voice for all member utilities, and ensures they have the tools necessary to provide affordable and sustainable clean water for all. Our vision is to represent every utility as a NACWA member, helping to build a strong and sustainable clean water future. For more information, visit us at www.nacwa.org.

About WRF

The Water Research Foundation is a 501c3 organization officially formed in January 2018 after the merger of the Water Environment & Reuse Foundation and Water Research Foundation. The merged Foundation is the leading water research organization, funding research, pilot projects, and technology demonstrations that maximize the value of all water, including wastewater, stormwater, drinking water, and recycled water. Learn more at www.werf.org or www.waterrf.org.

About the WaterReuse Association

The WaterReuse Association is the nation's only trade association solely dedicated to advancing laws, policy, funding, and public acceptance of recycled water. The WaterReuse Association represents a coalition of utilities that recycle water, businesses that support the development of recycled water projects, and users of recycled water. Our members are incorporating water reuse into their water management strategies as a proven method for ensuring a safe, reliable, locally controlled water supply. To learn more, visit www.watereuse.org.