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MSD Director to Receive National Environmental Achievement Award

Award honors environmental advocacy and innovation

The
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(MSD)

Cincinnati, OH - Tony Parrott, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSD), has been selected to receive the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) 2014 National Environmental Achievement Award. Parrott will be recognized at NACWA's 2014 Winter Conference in Santa Fe, NM, February 2-5, 2014.

The award honors individuals and member agencies that have made significant contributions through outstanding advocacy or innovative projects that positively impact the environment, their utility, their community, NACWA, and/or the clean water industry.

Parrott is being recognized for his work to position MSD, Hamilton County and the City of Cincinnati in the national spotlight for innovative wet weather solutions to reduce combined sewer overflows. Instead of a traditional large diameter tunnel, MSD has received federal approval to implement a "sustainable approach" with green elements to make an above ground investment in the community that can lead to economic growth and neighborhood revitalization.

Under Parrott's leadership, MSDGC has completed 90 of 116 projects required under Phase I of the Wet Weather Improvement Plan (WWIP) mandated by the Federal Consent Decree and has met all required milestones thus avoiding any stipulated penalties. All of the projects required in Phase I of the WWIP are projected to be completed within the Phase I budget of \$1.145B. Phase 2 of the WWIP will be scheduled in 2017 and performed after 2018 and is projected to cost an additional \$2B.

"Tony Parrott is a true champion of sustainable, "above ground" approaches to wet weather challenges. His innovative work is engaging a new generation of environmental stewards and public servants," said Ken Kirk, Executive Director of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies. "Tony's work in Cincinnati constitutes the best in class for water resource management and exemplifies his role as a true environmentalist, leading a utility that works 24 hours/7days a week to ensure his community enjoys all the benefits of clean and safe water and an ever-improving quality of life."

Parrott has been in the public utility business for more than 28 years. He is a member of the National Board of Directors for NACWA, representing Region 5, the National Board of Directors for the Water Environment Research Foundation and National Urban Water Sustainability Council.

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The Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSD) protects public health and the environment through professional water reclamation and watershed management. MSD collects and treats more than 180 million gallons of sewerage daily from 43 municipalities, villages and townships in Greater Cincinnati through 3,000 miles of combined and sanitary sewers.



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Parrott is also leading a national effort, with Washington DC Water and the San Francisco Public Utility Commission, in hosting National Utility Convening sessions to address water utility community benefits programs such as workforce/economic development, job creation and neighborhood revitalization.

NACWA is a nationally-recognized leader in environmental policy and a sought-after technical resource on water quality and ecosystem protection issues. The organization was established in 1970 to secure federal funding for municipal wastewater treatment and spark national interest in improving the quality of the nation's waters.

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