

Project of the Year Awards

** indicates winners of APWA National Project of the Year Awards*

2022: Kenosha Fire Station No. 1

City of Kenosha, Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH®), Stuckey Construction Company

Ecological Restoration in UW-Madison Arboretum

UW-Madison Arboretum, Strand Associates, Inc., Integrity Grading & Excavating, Inc.

City of Kenosha Storm Water Improvements

City of Kenosha, Ruekert & Mielke, Inc., Zignego Company, Inc./A.W. Oakes & Sons, Inc.

Nelson Family Heritage Crossing (Small Cities/Rural Communities)

Cities of Kaukauna/Little Chute, GRAEF, Michels Foundations

North Fish Hatchery Road (Small Cities/Rural Communities)

City of Fitchburg, KL Engineering, Integrity Grading & Excavating, Inc.

Janesville East Town Square (Small Cities/Rural Communities)

City of Janesville, Strand Associates, Inc., Kraemer North America

2021: Mount Pleasant TID No. 5 and Environs Water Projects

Racine Water and Wastewater Utility, Ruekert & Mielke, Globe Contractors

West Milwaukee Street Bridge over the Rock River (Small Cities/Rural Communities)

City of Janesville, MSA Professional Services, Zenith Tech, Inc.

Hidden Lake Greenway Trail (Small Cities/Rural Communities)

City of Brookfield, raSmith, Blaze Landscape Contractors

Superior Street and La Crosse Street Reconstruction (Small Cities/Rural Communities)

City of Wisconsin Dells, MSA Professional Services, Gerke Excavating, Inc.

2020: Goodrich Lane Ravines Regenerative Stormwater Conveyance

Village of Fox Point, Stormwater Solutions Engineering, WSO Grading and Excavating

North Webster Avenue Reconstruction

City of Green Bay, Ayres Associates, Peters Concrete

Emergency Infrastructure Upgrades – Waite Circle Culvert Improvements*

City of Madison, Brown & Caldwell, T.G. Huston Company

Haymarket Plaza (Small Cities/Rural Communities)

City of Eau Claire, Design Studio Etc., Pember Companies

Sheboygan City Hall Restoration (Small Cities/Rural Communities)

City of Sheboygan, Bray Architects, Quasius Construction

National POY SC/RC Award wins (did not win at state level):

City Hall Remodel*

City of Eau Claire, Ayres Associates, Lunda Construction Company

West Side Pumping Station Force Main Replacement*

City of Wisconsin Rapids, Strand Associates, Inc., A-1 Excavating

2019: City Hall and Squire Avenue Parking Lots and Green Alley (Small Cities/Rural Communities)

City of Cudahy, CBC Engineers & Associates, Ltd., All-Ways Contractors, Inc.

Lower Yahara River Trail Phase 1 Construction

Dane County, Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH®), Janke General Contractors, Inc.

Eau Claire Grand Avenue Half Moon Lake Bridge Replacement (Small Cities/Rural Communities)*

City of Eau Claire, Ayres Associates, Kramer North America

Janesville West Town Square (Small Cities/Rural Communities)

City of Janesville, Strand Associates, Inc.

Madison Municipal Building Renovation*

City of Madison, MSR Design, J.P. Cullen and Sons

2018: Waukesha Clean Water Plant Improvements

City of Waukesha, Strand Associates, Inc., CD Smith Construction, Inc.

S. Webster Avenue and Porlier Street Reconstruction

City of Green Bay, Advance Construction, Inc.

Wausau Riverfront Redevelopment

City of Wausau, Stantec, Miron Construction Co. Inc.

2017: US 18/151 Verona Road Reconstruction Stage 1

Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Strand Associates, Inc., Zenith Tech, Inc./Hoffman Construction Company

CTH KW and CTH S Bridge Replacements, Dodge County, Wisconsin *

Dodge County Highway Department, OMNNI Associates/R.A. Smith National, Inc., Janke General Contractors

Packard Avenue Downtown Street Reconstruction

City of Cudahy, Stark Pavement Corporation

2016: Bayfield Historic Street Reconstruction * (Small Cities/Rural Communities)

City of Bayfield, Strand Associates, Chippewa Concrete, Inc.

Bud Hendrickson Memorial Nature Trail and Pedestrian Bridge * (Small Cities/Rural Communities)

City of La Crosse, Mead & Hunt, Lunda Construction, Inc.

Kronenwetter Stormwater and Groundwater Improvements (Small Cities/Rural Communities)

Village of Kronenwetter, MSA Professional Services, James Peterson Sons, Inc.

Middleton Public Works Facility (Small Cities/Rural Communities)

City of Middleton, Angus Young Associates, Inc., Newcomb Construction Co., Inc.

State Street Library Mall

City of Madison, MSA Professional Services, Speedway Sand & Gravel

2015: City of Madison – Fire Station 13

City of Madison, Zimmerman Architectural Studios, Inc., Miron Construction Co., Inc.

Mineral Point Road & Junction Road Reconstruction

City of Madison, HNTB/Foth, Lunda Construction Co.

Waukesha CTH "L" (Janesville Road) Reconstruction

Waukesha County, Ayres Associates, Inc., Musson Brothers, Inc.

Kenosha County Park & Ride Lot (Small Cities/Rural Communities)

Village of Pleasant Prairie, R.A. Smith National, Inc., Willkomm Excavating & Grading

Bridge Lane Ravine Pedestrian Bridge (Small Cities/Rural Communities)

Village of Fox Point, Ayres Associates, Inc., Janke General Contractors, Inc.

2014: Sheboygan River Area of Concern (AOC) Habitat Restoration *

City of Sheboygan, Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc., Lee & Ryan

Ryan Creek Sanitary Sewer Interceptor

City of Franklin, Ruekert & Mielke, Inc., Super Excavators, Inc.

Madison, WI Central Public Library *

City of Madison Dept. of Public Works/Engineering Division, Meyer, Scherer, Rockcastle, Ltd., J.H. Findorff & Son, Inc.

Cascade Avenue Reconstruction Project *
City of River Falls, Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc., Haas Sons, Inc.

UWM Innovation Campus Infrastructure
City of Wauwatosa, GRAEF, Super Excavators, Inc.

2013: MMSD Kinnickinnic River Rehabilitation *
Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc., Edgerton Contractors, Inc.

Wisconsin and Juneau Avenue Bridges
City of Milwaukee, exp., Edward Kraemer & Sons, Inc.

General Mitchell International Airport Runway Safety Area Project
Milwaukee County DOT-Airport Division, Mead & Hunt, Inc., Zignego Company, Inc.

Drexel Avenue Reconstruction
City of Oak Creek, R.A. Smith National, Inc., Super Western, Inc.

Grandad Bluff Scenic Overlook Historic Renovation (Small Cities/Rural Communities Award) *
City of La Crosse, River Architects, Engineering & Construction Innovations, Inc., Fowler & Hammer, Inc.

Honorable Mention:

Neenah Enhances Gateway with Four Roundabouts
Neenah Public Works & Utilities, MSA Professional Services, Ptaschinski Construction, Inc.

Abbotsford Eau Pleine Water Treatment Plant (Small Cities/Rural Communities)
City of Abbotsford, Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc., Ellis Stone Construction Company

2012: Janesville WWTP Upgrade and Expansion
City of Janesville, AECOM, C.C. Smith Construction

Secret Pond and Channel Restoration
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Strand Associates, Inc., Veit USA

The 400 Block in Wausau, WI
City of Wausau, Becher-Hoppe Associates, Miron Construction

Fitchburg Public Library
City of Fitchburg, Engberg Anderson Design Partnership, Mortenson Construction

2011: MMSD Underwood Creek Rehabilitation *
Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc., C.W. Purpero, Inc.

Grand River Station Transit Center
City of La Crosse, LSA Design, Inc., Market & Johnson, Inc.

Monona Drive
City of Monona, Strand Associates, Inc., R.G. Huston Company, Inc.

North Humboldt Avenue Bridges Reconstruction
City of Milwaukee, Lunda Construction

2010: Milwaukee City Hall Exterior Renovation *
City of Milwaukee, Engberg Anderson, Inc.

Well No. 13 – Muskego
City of Muskego, Ruerkert-Mielke

Vilas Road Pumping Station, Interceptor, and Force Main
Village of Cottage Grove, MSA Professional Services, Inc.

College Avenue Bridge
Wisconsin DOT, OMNI Associates

Calhoun Road Reconstruction
City of Brookfield, R.A. Smith National/GRAEF

Honorable Mention:

Historic Kilbourn Avenue Bascule Bridge Restoration *
City of Milwaukee, Bloom Companies, LLC

Well 16 Water Treatment Plant
Hartford Water Utility, Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc.

Hart Park Renovation
City of Wauwatosa, GRAEF

2009: Bradford Beach Storm Water Treatment *
Milwaukee County, AECOM

City of Evansville Main Street Reconstruction Project
City of Evansville, Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC

Elm Grove Flood Control Preliminary Engineering and Final Design
Village of Elm Grove, AECOM

Fond du Lac Regional Wastewater Treatment Facilities
City of Fond du Lac, Strand Associates, Inc.

Honorable Mention:

Burleigh and Lilly Intersection Signalization and Safety Improvements
City of Brookfield

Sludge Digestion System Improvements-Fox River Water Pollution Control Center
City of Brookfield

USH 2 Reconstruction Project
City of Ashland, Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc.

W. National Avenue from S. Wollmer Road to S. Waukesha Road in West Allis
City of West Allis

2008: Claude Allouez Bridge Replacement *
City of De Pere, Graef, Anhalt, Schloemer & Associates, Inc.

North Point Light Station Rehabilitation
Milwaukee County

Yahara River Bridge Replacement
City of Madison, HNTB Corporation

Green Bay-Ashwaubenon Water & Transmission Distribution Project
City of Green Bay, Ayres Associates

Lake Michigan Pathway Design and Construction Management
City of Racine, Earth Tech

2007: Reconstruction of Concourse D Stem *
Milwaukee County Highway Department, Wisconsin DOT

Greater Bayfield Wastewater Treatment Plant
City of Bayfield, Strand Associates, Inc.

County Highway ID-Mount Horeb
Village of Mount Horeb, Strand Associates, Inc.

Brookfield Square Water Treatment Facility
City of Brookfield, Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc.

APWA Wisconsin Chapter Awards History



Hart Park Project

Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District

- 2006:** Northwest Side Relief Sewer Interceptor *
- South Side Business USH 51 Reconstruction *
- 2005:** Waupaca Interchange, Frontage Roads, and Airport Runway *
- 2003:** Soo Line "S" Bridge *
- 2001:** Poynette Municipal Building and Police Department Renovation *
- 1997:** U.S. Hwy 10 – Waupaca Beltline *
- 1996:** Sheboygan's Modified Traffic Circle *

Individual Awards

William J. Rheinfrank Award

- 2022: Paula Vandehey, Director of Public Works, City of Appleton
- 2021: Howard Crofoot, Director of Public Works, City of Platteville
- 2020: David Biebel, Director of Public Works, City of Sheboygan
- 2019: N/A
- 2018: Rick Eilertson, Municipal Project Manager, AECOM
- 2017: Jeff Mazanec, Senior Consultant, R.A. Smith National, Inc.
- 2016: Maurie Rott, Angus Young & Associates, Inc.
- 2015: Steven Pudloski, Program Director, University of Wisconsin-College of Engineering
- 2014: Clark Wantoch, Director of Highway Operations, Milwaukee County Dept. of Transportation
- 2013: Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC)
- 2012: John Edlebeck, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, City of Waupaca
- 2011: Thomas Grisa, Director of Public Works, City of Brookfield
- 2010: Christine Walsh, Director of Operations, City of Beloit
- 2009: Northeast Wisconsin Stormwater Consortium
- 2008: William Tarman-Ramcheck
- 2007: Daniel Lynch
- 2006: Madison Area Municipal Stormwater Partnership
- 2005: Howard Rosen
- 2004: Mike Barnhardt
- 2003: Herb Goetsch

John W. Curtis Chapter Service Award

- 2022: Bob Givens, Westwood Infrastructure, Inc.
- 2021: Mary Dziewiontkowski, Project Programming Manager, City of Milwaukee
- 2020: James Hessling, Director of Public Works, Village of McFarland
- 2019: John Edlebeck, Director of Public Works, Village of Whitefish Bay
- 2018: Scott Brandmeier, Director of Public Works, Village of Fox Point
- 2017: Clark Wantoch, Executive Director, Wisconsin Concrete Pipe Association
- 2016: Michael Dailey, City of Madison
- 2015: Paul Woodard, Director of Public Works, City of Janesville
- 2014: David Botts, Utility Director, City of Janesville
- 2012: Carl Weber, Director of Public Works, City of Janesville
- 2011: William Dunlop
- 2010: Dale Hexom
- 2009: Brian Amundson, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, City of Eau Claire (retired)
- 2008: Maurie Rott
- 2007: William Kappel, Director of Public Works, City of Wauwatosa (retired)
- 2006: Jeff Mazanec
- 2005: Larry Nelson, City Engineer, City of Madison (retired)
- 2004: Jim Blazek
- 2003: John Curtis

Samuel A. Greeley Local Service Award

- 2022: N/A
- 2021: David Biebel, Director of Public Works, City of Sheboygan

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2020: John Whitcomb, Operations Director, City of Janesville
2019: N/A
2018: Bill Mielke, President, Ruekert & Mielke, Inc.
2017: Michael Dailey, Deputy City Engineer, City of Madison
2016: James Blazek, City of Racine
2015: Joseph Eberle, Senior Project Manager, Ruekert & Mielke, Inc.
2014: Dale Mejaki, City of Milwaukee
2013: Jack Bennett
2009: Frank Dadam
2003: Mike Pertmer
2002: Ken Frahm

Outstanding New Member Impact Award

2022: Matt Wittum, Highway Superintendent, Town of Linn
2021: Theo Taylor, ADS
2020: Kamron Nash, Operations Superintendent, City of Janesville
2019: Rebecca Alonge, Ruekert & Mielke
2018: Aaron Jahncke, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, City of Portage
2017: Michael Wodalski, Deputy Director of Public Works, Village of Weston
2016: Holly Powell, City of Fitchburg
2015: Tyler Smith, Project Manager, GRAEF
2014: Eric Dundee, Engineer IV, City of Madison Engineering Division

National Awards

Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE)

Awarded to the Wisconsin Chapter in these consecutive years: 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006

Top Ten Public Works Leader of the Year Award

- 2018: Paul Woodard, Director of Public Works, City of Janesville
- 2016: Clark Wantoch, Executive Director, Wisconsin Concrete Pipe Association
- 2014: Carl Weber, Director of Public Works, City of Janesville
- 2013: John Edlebeck, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, City of Waupaca
- 2012: Tom Grisa, Director of Public Works, City of Brookfield
- 2011: Christine Walsh, Director of Operations, City of Beloit
- 2010: Brian Amundson, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, City of Eau Claire (retired)
- 2009: William Kappel, Director of Public Works, City of Wauwatosa (retired)
- 2006: Larry Nelson, City Engineer, City of Madison (retired)
- 1996: James Kaminski
- 1988: David Kuemmel
- 1980: Robert Brannan
- 1978: Gerald Schwerm
- 1977: Richard Jann
- 1968: Herbert Goetsch
- 1965: Henry Wildschut
- 1960: Lloyd Knapp

Presidential Leadership Award

- 2016: Christine Walsh, Director of Operations (retired), City of Beloit

Harry S. Swearingen Award

- 1999: John Curtis
- 1962: Walter Swietlik

Community Involvement Award

- 2021: Renee Tyler, Community Services Director, City of Eau Claire
- 2013: Rick Eilertson, Environmental Engineer, City of Fitchburg

Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Award

- 2018: City of Milwaukee Department of Public Works
City of River Falls
- 2013: City of Green Bay
- 2009: City of Beloit

Professional Manager of the Year Award

- 2015: Christine Walsh, Director of Operations, City of Beloit – Emergency Management Category
- 2012: Bruce Slagoski – Emergency Management Category
- 2008: Reid Wronski – Water Resources Category
- 2007: T.J. Sorensen – Public Fleet Category

APWA Wisconsin Chapter Awards History



Diversity Exemplary Practices Award

2002: Jennifer Barlas

Exceptional Performance Award – Safety

2001: Public Works Cross Trained for Fire and Rescue – Town of Bristol

Technical Management Innovation Award – Technical

2001: Pioneering Autoheated Digestion – Earth Tech/Village of Plover