

Florida Water Environment Association's David W. York Water Reuse Award Recipients^(a)

Water Reuse Systems of the Year (by Size Range)

Year	< 1.0 mgd	1.0 – < 5.0 mgd	5 – 15 mgd	> 15 mgd
2019	Town and Country Utilities Babcock Ranch WRF	Polk County Southwest Regional	City of Altamonte Springs Regional Water Reuse System	City of Orlando, Woodard and Curran, and Orange County Utilities Water Conserv II Distribution Center
2018	Polk County Utilities Northwest Regional WWTF	Toho Water Authority Parkway WRF	City of Venice Water Reclamation Facility	Collier County Water-Sewer District
2017	---	---	Polk County Utilities North East Regional WWTF	Hillsborough County North and South Reclaimed Water Service Areas
2016	North Hutchinson Island	Davie Water Reclamation Facility	Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District	City of St. Petersburg Master Reuse System
2015	---	Tavares/Woodlea Road WRF	---	JEA Reuse South Grid ^(b) City of Tallahassee TP Smith ^(b)
2014	Dunes Community Development District	City of Inverness Wastewater Treatment Facility	City of Pompano Beach Reuse Treatment Facility	City of Boca Raton Reclaimed Water Reclamation Facility
2013	Winter Park Estates	City of Clermont	Reedy Creek Improvement District	City of Orlando, Woodard and Curran, and Orange County Utilities Water Conserv II Distribution Center
2012	Lee County San Carlos Reuse System	City of North Port Reuse System	City of Venice Reuse System	Orlando Eastern Regional Reclaimed Water Distribution System
2011	---	---	Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District	---
2010	---	City of Tarpon Springs Water Reclamation Facility	Orange County Utilities Northwest Water Reclamation Facility	City of Clearwater Reuse System
2009	---	Marco Island Reclaimed Water Production Facility	Toho Water Authority Sandhill Water Reclamation Facility	Orange County Utilities South Water Reclamation Facility
2008	Lee County San Carlos Water Reclamation Facility	Englewood Water District	Reedy Creek Improvement District Reuse System	Orange County Utilities Eastern Regional Water Reclamation Facility

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Year	< 1.0 mgd	1.0 – < 5.0 mgd	5 – 10 mgd	> 15 mgd
2007	Charlotte Correctional Institution	City of Cocoa Jerry Sellers Water Reclamation Facility	City of West Palm Beach	City of Orlando, Woodard and Curran, and Orange County Utilities Water Conserv II
2006 ^(d)	---	---	Pinellas County Utilities William E. Dunn Water Reclamation Facility	Manatee County Manatee Agricultural Reuse System (MARS)
2005	---	---	City of Pompano Beach OASIS	Pinellas County Utilities County South Cross Bayou Reuse System
2004	Brevard County Barefoot Bay	City of Casselberry Water Reclamation Facility	City of Altamonte Springs Project APRICOT	Orange County South Water Reclamation Facility
2003	---	Clay County Utilities Authority	Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District	Hillsborough County ^(b) City of Boca Raton Project IRIS ^(b)
2002 ^(d)	---	Florida Water Service Marco Island Reuse System	Bay County Military Point Reuse System	Reedy Creek Improvement District Reuse System
2001	Indian River County/Sea Oaks	City of Cocoa	Seacoast Utilities	Orange County and City of Orlando Water Conserv II
2000	St. Lucie County North Hutchinson Island	Martin County South Consolidated Reuse System	Pinellas County William E. Dunn Water Reclamation Facility	St. Petersburg Water Reclamation Facility
1999	---	Destin Water Users	City of Dunedin	Pinellas County Utilities South Cross Bayou
1998	Barefoot Bay (Florida Cities Water Co.)	Sarasota County Utilities Central County	City of Largo Sparkling Water System	City of Tallahassee's Southeast Farms
1997 ^(c)	Pasco County Utilities Southeast Pasco Regional	City of Apopka Project Arrow	Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District	Orange County & Orlando Utilities Commission Eastern

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Year	< 1.0 mgd	1.0 – 5.0 mgd	> 5.0 mgd
1996	Brevard County Utilities Port St. John	City of Cocoa Sellers Reclamation Facility (b) City of Venice Project WAVE (b)	City of Cape Coral Project WICC
1995	Belleair	Sarasota County Venice Gardens	Reedy Creek Improvement District Reuse System
1994	City of Winter Park	Marco Island (Florida Water Services)	Orange County and City of Orlando Water Conserv II
1993	City of Cocoa Jerry Sellers Reclamation Facility	Altamonte Springs Project APRICOT	City of St. Petersburg

Other Award Categories

Year ^(e)	Water Reuse Person of the Year	Outstanding Reclaimed Water Customer	Reuse Project of the Year ^(f)
2019	---	---	Hillsborough County Utility's South Hillsborough Aquifer Recharge Program (SHARP)
2018	Lynn Spivey, City of Plant City ^(g)	---	GRU's Sweetwater Wetlands Park (City of Gainesville)
2017	David Ammerman, Carollo Engineers	---	Pasco County 4G Wetland Project (CH2M & Southwest Florida Water Management District)
2016	Brad Hayes, City of Tavares	---	Water Independence for Cape Coral's Reuse Utility Expansion Projects 6 & 7
2015	---	Sample McDougal Preservation House	City of Palm Coast's Concentrate Zero Liquid Discharge Project (McKim & Creed and Doosan Hydro Technology) ^(b) City of Cocoa's Rockledge Interconnect Project ^(b)
2012	---	City of Lake Mary	N/A
2009	Hassan Hadjimiry, Palm Beach County Utilities	---	N/A
2008	Phil Cross, Woodard and Curran	Orange County National Golf Course	N/A
2007	Lauren Walker-Coleman, Florida Department of Environmental Protection	---	N/A

Other Award Categories (Cont'd.)

Year ^(e)	Water Reuse Person of the Year	Outstanding Reclaimed Water Customer	Reuse Project of the Year ^(f)
2006	Anthony Andrade, Southwest Florida Water Management District	Resource Conservation Systems, LLC (Bonita Bay in Bonita Springs)	N/A
2005	Thomas L. Lothrop and David L. Moore, Southwest Florida Water Management District ^(b)	Mid Florida Citrus Foundation ^(b) Walt Disney World Co. ^(b)	N/A
2004	Jo Ann Jackson, PBS&J	Pinellas County Resource Recovery Power Plant	N/A

Notes:(a) The Water Environment Association presents this award annually at the Florida Water Resources Conference.

(b) A tie.

(c) In 1997, the awards program was expanded from three to four categories (categories are based on total plant capacity).

(d) In 2002 a new size category was added and in 2006 the capacity thresholds for the upper categories were adjusted from 10 MGD to greater than 15 MGD.

(e) No awardees in years 2010, 2011, 2013, and 2014.

(f) Reuse Project of the Year Category was added for 2015.

(g) Starting 2018, Integrated Water Resource Professional and Reuse Person of the Year was combined to be the Water Reuse and Resources Professional of the Year.

Florida Water Environment Association's OneWater Professional of the Year Award Recipients (formerly the Integrated Water Resource Professional)

The OneWater Professional of the Year Award is awarded to a water resources professional who has set an extraordinary record in Florida of achievement in making, designing and/or implementing water resources policy or projects at the local and the regional levels. Recipients of this award do not have to be an FWEA member.

Year	Award Recipient	Organization ¹
2019	----	-----
2018 ²	Lynn Spivey	City of Plant City
2017	Steven Ray Saffels	City of Plant City
2016	Ed Torres	City of Altamonte Springs
2015	Norman Wellings	Retired from the City of Boca Raton
2014	Traci Mercer	City of Clearwater
2013	Sandra Fox	St. Johns River Water Management District
2012	Liz Perez	Brown & Caldwell
2011	Cammie Dewey	St. Johns River Water Management District
2010	John Loper	Interflow Engineering
2009	Nabil Muhaisen	St. Johns River Water Management District
2008	Dr. Marty Wanielista	University of Central Florida

LYNN SPIVEY

Lynn has an unrelenting drive and passion for the “One Water” concept. She was the chairperson and leader of the Water Resource, Reuse, and Resiliency (WR3) Committee when it was combined/formed and helped guide it into its new direction. She is currently the director of utilities for the City of Plant City and was formerly employed by Arcadis as a principal engineer for 16 years. She has been a recognized leader in environmental field and a champion for integrated water resources and reuse for years.



STEVEN RAY SAFFELS

The FWEA Water Resource, Reuse, and Resiliency (WR3) Committee presented its annual award for 2017 to Mr. Steven Ray Saffels at the FWEA Award Luncheon held at the FWRC in April 2017 at the Palm Beach County Convention Center in West Palm Beach. Mr. Saffels has over 44 years of experience in the wastewater and reuse operations. Steve Saffels has been the driving force behind permit compliance over that time-period, working also with the pretreatment section and in 1999 taking on the City’s Potable Water treatment plants and distribution system. He has been a member of FWEA since 1988 (that’s 29 years), FSAWWA since 1999 (that’s 18 years), and FW&PCOA since 1975, going into the 42th year as a member in good standing. Steve has encouraged operators to join and support these organizations. Mr. Saffels is currently the Utilities Operations Superintendent and was key in the City’s Water Reclamation Facility receiving numerous utility awards. Steve’s love for the business has been an inspiration for 100’s of operators over the course of his career, especially because he’s hired and trained over that many! And though Steve has set his retirement date at January 18, 2018, his vision to see advancement in water quality and sustainability, Steve sees the true benefit to operators being involved in all association activities as the interface with engineers, regulatory personnel, scientists, and others with the same goals and is a true asset to Integrated Water!



¹ Organization working for at the time of award nomination.

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ED TORRES

The newly merged FWEA Water Resource, Reuse, and Resiliency (WR3) Committee presented its annual award for 2016 to Mr. Ed Torres of the City of Altamonte Springs at the FWEA Award Luncheon held at the FWRC in May 2016 at the Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center in Kissimmee. Mr. Torres has over 25 years of experience in the management and implementation of a wide variety of water resources and public works projects. His strong leadership and management skills have been demonstrated throughout his career but most notable during his recent tenure as the Director of Public Works and Utilities for the City of Altamonte Springs the past 6 years. His strong leadership skills coupled with his stormwater, reclaimed water and transportation project background came together when he implemented the City's Altamonte-FDOT Integrated Reuse and Stormwater Treatment (A-FIRST) project. The A-FIRST project is the first of its kind in the nation that involves these unique partnerships and brings together elements of stormwater management, water supply and environmental protection to provide a truly integrated approach to providing flood protection, alternative water supply and nutrient loading reduction. The project was first conceived by Ed's predecessor, but as is often the case, all elements didn't align to move a great project forward. In 2013, under Ed's leadership and vision, the project was re-energized and gained momentum to become fully operational in just two year. It now serves as a model for other future projects in Florida and the country.



NORMAN WELLINGS

The FWEA Integrated Water Resources Committee (IWRC) presented its annual award for 2015 to Mr. Norman Wellings at the FWEA Awards Luncheon held at the FWRC in May 2015 at the Renaissance Orlando Hotel at SeaWorld. Norm has 40 years of experience in the water and wastewater industry. Starting as a wastewater package plant operator at a young age, he worked hard to become the division head of the water, wastewater and reclaimed water treatment facilities at the City of Boca Raton Utility Services Department. Norm retired in April from the City, but through his efforts made a remarkable impact on the Utility Services Department as well as the water & wastewater industry. He is leaving a tremendous legacy behind. His award-winning talent will be missed.



TRACI MERCER, MBA

The FWEA Integrated Water Resources Committee (IWRC) presented its annual award for 2014 to Ms. Traci Mercer at the FWEA Awards Luncheon held at the FWRC in April 2014 at the Walt Disney World Coronado Springs Resort & Convention Center. Ms. Mercer began working for the City of Clearwater eight years ago as the Public Utilities Director. Her 30-year career entails management of operations, maintenance and capital improvement projects of several or all departments within a respective municipality or county. Her diverse duties and experiences have helped create for her an open mind that quickly analyses situations, personalities and the larger scheme of challenges. As director, she carries the ultimate responsibility of three enterprise utilities encompassing water supply, treatment and distribution; wastewater collection, advanced wastewater treatment and reclaimed water, for 108,000 residents and nearly as many visitors annually. Ms. Mercer's holistic approach of water management exemplifies the term 'integrated water resources'. Her brainchild, called MoM, is a dynamic group of local, municipal utility professionals in north Pinellas County, who share ideas on water utility related technologies, regulations, training, policies and experiences. MoM stands for "Meeting of the Minds", and the concept has just been submitted for several industry and governmental awards due to the collective, positive outcomes of the various member utilities from monthly group discussions and continuous sharing.



SANDRA FOX

The FWEA Integrated Water Resources Committee (IWRC) presented its annual award for 2013 to Ms. Sandra Fox at the FWEA Awards Luncheon held at the FWRC in May 2013. Sandra is an environmental scientist at the St Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) specializing in regional-scale geospatial analyses and data development. Current projects range from improving LiDAR data in floodplain wetlands to using GIS and remote sensing to model environmental impacts of management decisions including restoration efforts. Her work evaluating wetland hydroperiod was integral to the wetlands impact assessment for the recent SJRWMD Water Supply Impact Study of which she is a co-author. As part of a statewide effort evaluating the Arc Hydro data model for water management, she developed the first Districtwide Arc Hydro prototype geodatabase that led to the development of SJRWMD's enterprise water resources geodatabase. She has organized workshops for the Florida Arc Hydro Users Group and she was the general chair for the VI American Water Resources Association specialty conferences "GIS and Water Resources" bringing national leaders in water resources geospatial technology to Florida. She is currently the associate editor for geospatial analyses for the Journal of the American Water Resources Association.

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ELIZABETH PEREZ

The FWEA Integrated Water Resources Committee (IWRC) presented its annual award for 2012 to Ms. Liz Perez at the FWEA Awards Luncheon held at the FWRC in May 2012. Ms. Perez co-authored "Water Supply and Pollution Control (8th Edition)", co-Author of ASCE Book: "The Status of State Water Resources Planning in the United States 2005", and served as Editor and Co-Author of ASCE Book: "The Role of Technology in Water Resources Planning and Management". She serves as the Chair of the Water Resources Planning Committee of the American Academy of Water Resources Engineers and is a Diplomat for AAWRE. One of her most memorable projects was revising the stormwater manual for Sarasota County, Florida.

CAMMIE DEWEY, P.E.

The FWEA Integrated Water Resources Committee (IWRC) presented its Annual Award for 2011 to Ms. Cammie Dewey, P.E., of the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) at the FWEA Award Luncheon held at the FWRC in May 2011 at the Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center in Kissimmee. Ms. Dewey is the Director of the Division of Surface Water Management at the SJRWMD. She has 22 years of experience with the SJRWMD, which includes nearly 17 years in regulation and 5 years on the Lake Apopka Restoration Project. She specializes in site-hydrology, stormwater runoff and stormwater runoff treatment mechanisms and water quality. She has helped design and oversee projects being built for the Lake Apopka Restoration Project.

JOHN LOPER, P.E.

The FWEA Integrated Water Resources Committee (IWRC) presented its new 2010 IWR Award to Mr. John Loper, P.E., president of Interflow Engineering, LLC, at the FWEA Award Luncheon held at the FWRC in May 2010 at the Renaissance Orlando Hotel at SeaWorld. Mr. Loper has over 15 years of experience in the field of water resources and is known for his technical excellence in the areas of groundwater modeling, watershed planning, and permitting. Mr. Loper is also known for his leadership role as one of the founders and early chairs of the Stormwater Committee, the predecessor to the IWRC.



NABIL MUHAISEN, P.E.

The Stormwater Committee presented its then called 2009 Stormwater Award to Mr. Nabil Muhaisen at the FWEA Award Luncheon held at the FWRC in 2009. Mr. Muhaisen is the water resources compliance engineer in charge of Orange and Volusia counties at the St. Johns River Water Management District in Altamonte Springs/Orlando. He has over 20 years of experience in water resource engineering, working with the District's Environmental Resources and Management of Storage and Surface Water Regulatory Programs. Mr. Muhaisen was instrumental in developing ties with other professional associations, which resulted in three Biannual Stormwater Conferences. He set new FWEA attendance and profit records with his collaboration efforts as a result of the third Biannual Stormwater Conference in 2002. Mr. Muhaisen is the founder of the FWEA Florida Watershed Journal.



MARTY WANIELISTA, PHD

The Stormwater Committee presented its then called 2008 Stormwater Award to Dr. Marty Waniellista at the FWEA Award Luncheon held at the FWRC in May 2008 in Tampa. Dr. Marty Waniellista, nicknamed "the grandfather of stormwater," spends one hour a day "thinking about what we've done wrong, what we've done right, and writing these down as items for the future. Passionate about green roofs, stormwater reuse, and pervious pavement, he has 50 years of stormwater research to his credit. Dr. Waniellista is a University of Central Florida professor emeritus. He directs the Stormwater Management Academy, a research source for education and training programs in nationwide partnership with governments, non-governmental organizations, and industry.

