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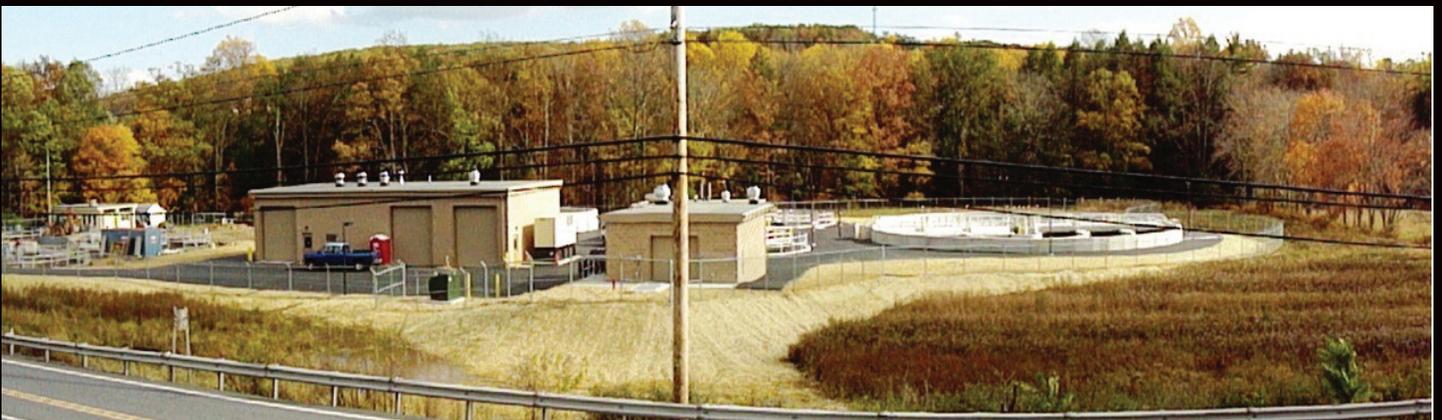
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*The Multiple Award-Winning*  
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The Schuylkill County Municipal Authority (SCMA) was recently honored as the recipient of two awards for the recent completion of the Deer Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sanitary Upgrades Project and their long-time commitment to the water and wastewater industry.

On April 28, 2015, SCMA was awarded the Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence for the successful completion of the Deer Lake Project.

The awards are presented annually, under the direction of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), to selected Pennsylvania businesses, agricultural industries, government agencies, educational institutions, non-profit organizations or individuals that display unwavering dedication to preserving and protecting the environment and engaging the community to ensure the vitality of our natural resources.

Successful recipients must have created, or participated in, the development of a project that promotes environmental stewardship and economic development in the state.

SCMA was one of 15 recipients of this prestigious award and was honored at an awards banquet, hosted by the Pennsylvania Environmental Council in Harrisburg, PA.

The Authority's \$21 million upgrade project consisted of the construction of a one million gallon per day wastewater treatment plant, three pumping stations, and over 12-miles of collection and conveyance lines to serve areas of Deer Lake Borough, West Brunswick Township, Auburn Borough and Orwigsburg Borough. The project consolidated five existing treatment plants into a state-of-the-art treatment facility

with an expanded sludge handling process to offer solutions to local residents plagued with on-lot septic system disposal issues. Service areas were expanded to segments along commercial corridors, thus promoting economic development, while eliminating significant environmental problems with malfunctioning on-lot septic systems and contamination of private drinking water wells in the Pine Creek drainage basin, a designated Cold Water Fishery and Migratory Fishery.

The project was designed by Systems Design Engineering, Inc. SCMA was also honored as the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit Organization of the Year for 2015. The esteemed award was received at an annual luncheon on May 1, 2015.

The Authority, formerly the Pottsville Water Company, has been providing the residents of Schuylkill County with clean, abundant potable water and reliable sanitary sewer service since 1834. Services are provided to over 35,000 residents in 25 municipalities in the County. The Authority, created in 1961, celebrates 181 years in the water and wastewater industry.

Since 1990, SCMA has invested over \$121 million toward infrastructure improvements and expansions to additional service areas that have enabled the creation of over 6,000 permanent jobs, consequently generating sustainable economic development opportunities for the future.

The Authority provides drinking water through its six water treatment facilities, seven surface water reservoirs, eight deep wells, 13 water pumping stations, 10 water storage tanks, 11 pressure regulating valves, and over 150 miles of transmission and distribution mains.

Over 5.3 million gallons of water are treated and purveyed daily to the residents of Schuylkill County.

Sanitary sewer service is provided through SCMA's four wastewater treatment facilities, 16 wastewater pumping stations, and over 110 miles of collection and interceptor lines.

More than 2.5 million gallons of sewage are treated daily by the Authority. Since 2010, SCMA has successfully completed the construction of over \$44 million of new infrastructure to better serve the existing and future residents of Schuylkill County, including rehabilitation of four PADEP-designated High-Hazard Dams.

SCMA has successfully acquired eight non-compliant or failing water/wastewater systems since 1996. These systems were plagued with either environmental or regulatory non-compliance or were faced with financial default on existing debt service.

Through professional management and prudent, fiduciary responsibility, SCMA brought all systems into full compliance and provided an opportunity for stable water and sanitary sewer service for many years in the future.

SCMA currently has 43 employees and operates on an annual budget of approximately \$8.6 million.

These 2015 awards follow a successful 2013 and 2014, whereas, SCMA and one of its employees were recognized for their success and leadership with the following award presentations:

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- ✓ 2014 Pennsylvania Rural Water Association Wastewater System of the Year: SCMA was recognized for completion of the Deer Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project.
- ✓ 2014 Northeast PA Manufacturers and Employers Association Employer Excellence Award for Expansion: SCMA was honored for the Deer Lake Wastewater and Mahanoy Business Park Projects.
- ✓ 2014 Pennsylvania Rural Water Association Decision Maker of the Year: Amy S. Batdorf, Assistant Executive Director, was presented with the title of PRWA 2014 Decision Maker of the Year for her efforts in management of the Authority's Operations during the expansion of the systems throughout \$38 million in new construction.
- ✓ 2013 American Council of Engineering Companies of PA Diamond Award for Engineering Excellence for the successful completion of the Indian Run Dam Rehabilitation Project.

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