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PVSC Honored With Prestigious AEANJ WAVE Award



Newark, NJ – At their recent annual awards luncheon in Atlantic City, the Association of Environmental Authorities of New Jersey (AEA) announced the 2024 recipients of their annual WAVE Awards. These awards are a recognition of excellence in the public water, wastewater, recycling and solid waste sector in New Jersey. PVSC received a *“Forward Thinking” Wave Award* for the construction of its *Alternative Wet Weather Treatment Protocol Project*.

AEANJ Executive Director Peggy Gallos and AEANJ First Vice President Brian Brach presented the award to PVSC’s Chief Operating Officer Tom Laustsen during the conference’s recognition luncheon.



The Alternative Wet Weather Treatment Protocol Project, which has an estimated capital cost of \$100 million, is now entering its construction phase. Successfully reaching this phase required effectively navigating the complex and comprehensive design phase. That involved adhering to the detailed and precise, step-by-step provisions set forth in thorough, contract documents. PVSC is funding the extensive project using the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (80% of the construction costs will be funded through the American Rescue Plan Act).

PVSC’s secondary treatment capacity is limited to an average flow of 400 million gallons per day (“MGD”) based on historical plant observations, numerous studies, stress testing and modeling of the secondary treatment process. The Alternative Wet Weather Treatment Protocol Project will enable PVSC to dramatically increase that wet weather treatment capacity to 720 MGD. This will reduce Combined Sewer Overflows (“CSO”) to historically polluted waterways by approximately 1.4 billion gallons per year. The facility will take approximately four years to construct.

“We are deeply honored by this prestigious recognition,” said PVSC Chairman Thomas Tucci, Jr. “Our goal is to support urban renewal and make local waterways more inviting and appealing for everyone. The facility is going to enable us to greatly reduce Combined Sewer Overflow (“CSO”) into those waterways.”

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