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### **City of Rockford Honored for Stormwater Management Efforts**

ROCKFORD, IL – The City of Rockford was recognized by the Illinois Association for Floodplain and Stormwater Management during its annual conference luncheon today. The City received the 2016 Stormwater Management Award for its outstanding effort to improve Stormwater Management.

“I am proud of Marcy Leach and the Public Works stormwater staff for leading the way to create and implement excellence in this field,” said Matt Vitner, interim director of public works. “Marcy and staff have worked diligently and tirelessly over the last several years along with Patrick Hayes and the legal department to build a stormwater program around the City’s Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Phase I National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit (No. IL000001).”

The City of Rockford is unique in holding the only Phase 1 permit in Illinois due to being a community of over 100,000 in population with separate storm sewers (not combined with the sanitary sewer system).

Leach, who accepted the award during today’s luncheon, holds a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) credential and serves as the city’s Stormwater and Floodplain Manager as a component of her public works engineering operations manager role.

Most recently, the stormwater team has developed a revised ordinance and created new policies and standard operating procedures to ensure compliance with local, state, and federal stormwater regulations and requirements. Additionally, the implementation of the stormwater program will continue to enhance the safety and welfare of the community moving forward.

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