

**NJ ALLIANCE FOR ACTION PRESENTS “SAVIORS OF THE ENVIRONMENT”  
AWARD TO NORTHWEST BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
(NBCUA); CITES CONSTRUCTION OF \$4 MILLION FRANKLIN LAKES BOROUGH  
CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM**

Waldwick, NJ – The Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority (NBCUA) has received the prestigious “Saviors of the Environment” award from the New Jersey Alliance for Action. The honor was conferred recently at a special breakfast for the New Jersey Infrastructure Trust and various agencies and municipalities who addressed some of the state’s most serious environmental issues.

NBCUA was recognized for launching a much-needed sanitary sewer system for Franklin Lakes Borough’s Central Business District and surrounding areas. The \$4 million project is scheduled for completion in the Spring.

The Alliance is a non-profit, non-partisan statewide coalition of over 2,500 business, labor, professional, academic and government leaders. It is an advocate of investment in infrastructure for New Jersey’s economy, environment and quality of life. Since their creation in 1974 they have worked to create funding and secure permits for road, bridge and rail improvements, water projects, school construction, aviation enhancements, shore preservation, business expansion and other key infrastructure investments.

The New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust has a distinguished record of providing low interest loans for projects not only to create jobs, but also to enable New Jersey residents to enjoy cleaner water, improved water-based recreation and more open space, according to David Zimmer, Executive Director of the Trust.

By moving swiftly to accomplish a final design and obtaining the necessary property easements for the Franklin Lakes project, the Authority also qualified for a \$1.025 million loan forgiveness grant, a savings of more than 25%. As part of the American Recovery and Recognition Act of 2009, the federal stimulus plan, “shovel ready” water quality projects are eligible for such grants by the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust.

On behalf of NBCUA, the award was accepted by Authority Executive Director Howard Hurwitz, and Keith Henderson, Senior Vice President of T&M Associates, engineering consultant for the project.

NBCUA officials have noted upon completion, the new system will initially process up to 90,000 gallons of Franklin Lakes wastewater per day at the Waldwick plant; it will provide precious protection of the community’s groundwater quality and eliminate environmental threats from the potential failure of aging septic systems.

With the advancement of the latest sewer treatment technology, six old treatment plants are to be eliminated.



Pictured here:

Authority Executive Director Howard Hurwitz (center) and T&M Associates representative Keith Henderson (left) accept the award from David Zimmer, Executive Director of the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust.