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Penfield Town Engineer Announces APWA 2010 Awards
-APWA Genesee Valley Branch Recognition -

PENFIELD, N.Y., MARCH 7, 2011 – Geoffrey Benway, P.E., Town of Penfield Engineer and American Public Works Association (APWA) Genesee Valley Branch President, is pleased to announce the recent APWA 2010 Awards to celebrate the best projects and public works professionals in this region. This year’s award recipients exemplify the valuable contributions made by public works professionals and their innovative projects to the communities they serve. This year’s award winners are:

- Public Works Leader of the Year: Terrance Rice, P.E.; Monroe County Director of Transportation
- Elected Official of the Year: Joseph Robach, NY Senate, 56th District
- Community Involvement Award: Scott DeHollander, MRB Group, P.C.
  This is a new award created by APWA that recognizes public works leaders who are also leaders in their community. It is important that Public Works individual become active in their communities. Scott has taken this charge to a global level with his commitment to helping people in Haiti.
- Douglas Zefting Memorial Award:
  State/County Agency: James Jordon, NYSDOT
  Town/Village Agency: Walter Becker, Town of Irondequoit
- Richard Mack Award: Jason Hillman, Villager Construction
  This award celebrates all the great qualities that our dearly departed friend, Dick Mack, exemplified in his work, family, and personal relationships. A man of honor and grit, Dick loved life and shared this joy with everyone around him.
- Charles Walter Nichols Award: Tom Sinclair, MCDES
  This award recognizes outstanding and meritorious achievements in the environmental field and is considered one of the highest awards within APWA.
- Projects of the Year
  o Historic Preservation: Oak Orchard Lighthouse, Orleans County & NYS Office of Parks
  o Environmental: Highland Reservoir Liner, City of Rochester DES
  o Structural: Monroe County Pediatric & Visitation Center, MCDOH & MCDES
  o Structural: Pinnacle Road North Culvert, MCDOT
  o Transportation: Kenny Place Construction, Town of Perinton
  o Transportation: Route 590 – Sea Breeze Revitalization, NYSDOT & Town of Irondequoit

“I thank the award committee for choosing such high quality and deserving projects and individuals for recognition,” said Geoff Benway. “I also want to recognize Public Works professionals at all levels. These dedicated workers continue to elevate the quality of life in our area, often sacrificing their own needs to clear snow from the roads or respond during emergencies. The APWA awards provide a platform on which Public Works professionals can stand up and be proud of contributing to the well-being of our community.”

Additionally, Terrance Rice, P.E., Monroe County Director of Transportation, was named the “New York State Public Works Leader of the Year” by the New York Chapter of the American Public Works Association.
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