Wentzville Recognized with Outstanding Local Government Achievement Award

[ Wentzville, MO — Nov. 13, 2019 ] The City of Wentzville’s Stormwater Management Program was recognized during a ceremony at East-West Gateway Council of Government’s 54th annual meeting on Nov. 13. Each year, East-West Gateway presents its Outstanding Local Government Achievement (OLGA) awards, which recognize the extraordinary work of municipal, county, special purpose and school district officials in the St. Louis region.

The City’s Stormwater program received a 2019 OLGA award for an "Exemplary Accomplishment by a Local Government Jurisdiction, Agency or Individual." This particular category recognizes unique achievements in the creation and implementation of exemplary government programs or projects and exceptional public-sector contributions.

"The City of Wentzville is committed to serving as a leader in the municipal arena. We are grateful for awards such as the OLGA, which provide an opportunity to remind our residents and business owners of the behind-the-scenes work that happens in our community every day. I commend our staff for this well-deserved award," said City Administrator David Gipson.

The City's Stormwater team provides public education and outreach, promotes community involvement, and encourages collaborative partnerships and projects as a part of its proactive approach to stormwater management. The public education piece is a key factor in the program’s success.

"You can't care about something if you don't know about it. When you care about something, it only increases its value. When something is valuable, you want to protect it and cultivate it," said Stormwater Engineering Technician Kelly Dunlap.

The Stormwater Management Program heavily depends on community involvement and collaborative partnerships. Staff members work with volunteers on events such as Mission: Clean Stream, Stream Team monitoring, outreach and education in local schools, and more.

"The residents, volunteers and elected officials have truly created a community of neighbors working together to build a better future," said Stormwater Management Coordinator Jamie Paige.

To learn more about the OLGA awards and see the City’s video, please visit wentzvillemo.org/OLGA.

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