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Prince William County Public Works Department Receives APWA Re-Accreditation

KANSAS CITY, MO. – Prince William County’s Public Works Department has recently been awarded a prestigious American Public Works Association (APWA) Re-Accreditation. The APWA Accreditation program recognizes public works agencies that go beyond the requirements of the management practices established nationally in the public works industry, as contained in the APWA Public Works Management Practices Manual. Prince William County’s Public Works received its first Accreditation in March, 2012, and was awarded Re-Accreditation on March 9, 2016.

The Re-Accreditation of the Prince William County Public Works indicates the department has met all applicable Accreditation documentation and practices over time. “The awarding of the APWA Re-Accreditation shows we have dedicated ourselves to concepts of improvement and in-depth self-assessment of department policies, procedures and practices. The heroes of this prestigious APWA award are the public works staff whose mission is to provide public works services and programs that contribute to making Prince William County a great community,” said Public Works Director, Thomas Bruun.

The Public Works Department’s staff works to restore, protect and improve our natural and historic resources, adopt and enforce codes and regulations, and build and maintain the infrastructure needed for county government employees to serve the Prince William County community. The Public Works Department addresses the issues that every citizen may encounter from trash control to mosquito control. Their goal is to make the community better by controlling mosquitoes, managing solid waste, creating better neighborhoods, safeguarding the quality of our air, water and land, conserving energy and reducing emissions, as well as building the facilities needed to serve its citizens.

For the Prince William County Public Works Re-Accreditation review, a team of public works professionals; from Union Township, OH, Covington, GA and Kansas City, MO, completed a thorough evaluation of operations during their February 2016 site visit. “It’s great to have Prince William County Public Works Department reach full compliance with their practices, and I commend their continued and renewed commitment to the detailed review of the agency’s policies and procedures to qualify,” said APWA Director of Accreditation, Ann Daniels.

The Prince William County Public Works Department became the 78th agency in North America to receive Accreditation, and is the fifth in the State of Virginia, joining Alexandria, Chesapeake, Newport News, Richmond, Smithfield and Virginia Beach.

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About APWA

The American Public Works Association (www.apwa.net) is a not-for-profit, international organization of more than 28,500 members involved in the field of public works. APWA serves its members by promoting

professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy and the exchange of knowledge. APWA is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, has an office in Washington, D.C. and 63 chapters in North America.

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