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## Genesee River Clean-Up Project, Village of Wellsville, New York Wins Environmental Achievement Award

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National Rural Water Association is pleased to announce that the Genesee River Clean-Up Project, Village of Wellsville, New York is the recipient of the Top Award in Excellence in Environmental Achievement Award presented during NRWA's Annual Tribute to Excellence Awards Ceremony held in Dallas, Texas on September 27.



This award is presented to an outstanding individual, water or wastewater utility who has gone beyond the normal requirements of their job to become better stewards of the environment

The Genesee River Clean-up project stemmed from the Source Water Protection Plan developed for the Village of Wellsville Watershed with assistance from the New York Rural Water Association.

This river was identified as a source of pollution and this blighted area was in drastic need of redemption. As the project took shape many volunteers came forward, including the local Boy Scouts.

Once the Boy Scouts signed on for the project others followed suit, including, the Willing Fire Department, the Allegany County legislators, Wellsville village workers, Willing Town employees, Allegany County workers, Girl Scouts, neighbors and civic groups. These groups showed exemplary efforts in environmental protection..

The NRWA Awards in Excellence program was established to recognize the outstanding efforts of the Member State Affiliates, their staff, and special members of the rural water industry.

The National Rural Water Association is a non-profit federation of State Rural Water Associations. Its mission: to provide state associations with support services to meet the



Excellence in Environmental Protection

City of Wellsville

Josh Bossard,  
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needs of their membership. NRWA is America's largest utility association with over 25,735 members. Historically, NRWA's state associations have trained over 55,000 water and wastewater system personnel each year for two decades. They also provide over 100,000 on-site technical assistance visits a year.

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