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MWRD honors Village of Franklin Park, Historic Chicago Bungalow Assoc., Evanston High School, Chicago Park District at Sustainability Summit

During the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's (MWRD's) second annual Sustainability Summit held on July 2 at the Allerton Hotel in Chicago, four organizations received awards for their sustainable efforts.

Evanston High School and the Chicago Park District received the 2014 Biosolids Beneficial Reuse awards. Both organizations have used biosolids to improve their properties. Biosolids are a low-cost, sustainable alternative to chemical fertilizer and is developed through the wastewater treatment process.

The Village of Franklin Park and Historic Chicago Bungalow Assoc. (HCBA) won awards for sustainable landscaping. The Village of Franklin Park was recognized for its newly constructed Police Department facility which incorporated multiple sustainable features. The HCBA was honored for its commitment to educate the public about measures to manage stormwater and mitigate flooding.

In addition to the awards presentation, MWRD staff and representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Office of the Governor, and the Cook County Dept. of Environment offered insight about available resources and sustainable solutions. A representative from the Illinois State Treasurer's Office was on hand to search their database for lost or forgotten funds through the I-Cash program.



Robert Newport, US EPA stormwater specialist, discusses successful green infrastructure projects throughout the region during his presentation at the MWRD's Sustainability Summit.



(L-R) MWRD Chairman of Finance Mariyana Spyropoulos, Franklin Park Mayor Barrett Pedersen (holding a Sustainable Landscaping award), Commissioner Patrick D. Thompson and Commissioner Debra Shore during the Sustainability Summit.

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(L-R) MWRD Pres. Kathleen Meany presents a Biosolids User award to Chicago Park District Representatives Jerome Scott and Daniel Cooper.



(L-R) MWRD Chairman of Finance Mariyana Spyropoulos presents a Biosolids User award to Evanston Township High School representatives Jose Guerrero and William Stafford.



(L-R) MWRD Commissioner Frank Avila presented a Sustainable Landscaping Award to Franklin Park Mayor Barrett Pedersen.



(L-R) MWRD Commissioner Patrick D. Thompson presented a Sustainable Landscaping Award to Mary Ellen Guest, Exec. Director of the Historic Chicago Bungalow Assoc.

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