



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

# Media Advisory

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## Seventh Annual Sustainability Summit to highlight MWRD and partners' commitment to green initiatives and resource recovery

**WHO:** The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) and partners

**WHAT:** The MWRD's Sustainability Summit will celebrate EQ biosolids and green initiatives underway to manage stormwater and improve resource recovery.

**WHERE:** Stickney Water Reclamation Plant Auditorium, 6001 W. Pershing Rd., Cicero, IL

**WHEN:** Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2019 at 9 a.m.

The MWRD's Seventh Annual Sustainability Summit will highlight emerging programs in resource recovery and stormwater management and offer an educational forum and networking opportunity for community leaders, elected officials, public administrators and land managers interested in utilizing renewable resources. It brings together MWRD partners and landscapers representing municipalities, park districts, golf courses, schools, community gardens, transportation agencies and others who are pursuing sustainable initiatives to manage stormwater or enrich plant and turf growth through the beneficial use of MWRD's exceptional quality biosolids and compost that act as soil amendments.

In addition to providing an outlet for sharing strategies and resources in promoting the environment, the Summit will honor individuals, organizations, municipalities and other agencies for modeling best practices in sustainability. The MWRD will recognize projects from across Cook County that speak to the MWRD's mission in renewable resources, flood control and water quality improvements. The awards spotlight the best examples of innovations in green infrastructure and sustainable landscaping practices and MWRD biosolids use. The MWRD's EQ biosolids and EQ Compost are a product of the MWRD's treatment process. In addition to improving turf quality as a soil amendment or conditioner for establishing turfgrass and for mixing into custom topsoil blends, the local use of biosolids can also reduce carbon footprints. Following the Summit, attendees will have an opportunity to go behind the scenes to watch MWRD's biosolids composting operations during tours of the MWRD Harlem Avenue Solids Management Area. For more information about the Sustainability Summit, contact (312) 751-6633 or email [public.affairs@mwrdd.org](mailto:public.affairs@mwrdd.org).

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*Established in 1889, the MWRD ([www.mwrdd.org](http://www.mwrdd.org)) is an award winning, special purpose government agency responsible for wastewater treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois.*