



Governor Corzine To Present American Water With New Jersey Governor's Environmental Excellence Award

Company Recognized for First-of-its-Kind Residential Water Reuse Project

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The Applied Water Management Group of American Water has been honored with the 2006 New Jersey Governor's Environmental Excellence Award, for development of a first-of-its-kind Reclaimed Water for Beneficial Reuse (RWBR) project at the Homestead of Mansfield active adult community, in Burlington County, NJ. New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine will present the company with the award in the Clean and Plentiful Water category at a ceremony and press event on Wednesday, November 29, from 5-7 p.m. at Drumthwacket, the official residence of the Governor.

[Click here for a photo from the award ceremony.](#)

"This is a very important award for American Water because we are headquartered in New Jersey, and recognition by our Governor and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) is validation of the work we do," said American Water President and CEO Don Correll. "It also recognizes our company's commitment to finding innovative solutions, and I applaud the great effort and creativity of our more than 1,000 employees here in the state and the 7,000 throughout the country."

The New Jersey Governor's Environmental Excellence Award recognizes the company's positive influence in the areas of improving surface or ground water quality, ensuring sufficient quantities of water through reuse and conservation techniques and promoting or developing progressive land use policies and watershed management approaches to improve protection of surface and groundwater sources.

The Mansfield active adult community project, which was initiated in August 2006, involved a series of upgrades to Homestead at Mansfield's existing wastewater facility and enabled delivery of high-quality water to the sprawling grounds of the community. Construction took place over a six-year period and was aided by a \$100,000 grant from the NJDEP.

Under continuous-operation conditions, the facility will provide up to 275,000 gallons per day of reclaimed water to the 295-acre site. The water will be used to maintain the residential grounds and will help achieve multiple state goals related to Smart Growth.

"Reclaimed water has been treated to a high quality and has long-term implications on water supply," said Edmund DeVeaux, Vice President of Business Development for Applied Water Management. "Treating and reusing water that would otherwise be wasted helps conserve one of the earth's most precious natural resources."

The awards were established six years ago as the New Jersey Environmental Excellence Awards, and were re-named this year to reflect Governor Corzine's commitment to state environmental issues. Sponsors of the awards include the state of New Jersey and NJDEP, with the New Jersey Corporation for Advanced Technology (NJCAT) and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities as co-sponsors.

Awards are given in nine categories, which, in addition to Clean and Plentiful Water, include Clean Air, Healthy Ecosystems, Land Conservation and Environmental Leadership. To be considered for the award, applicants were required to answer questions from five environmental categories, including Documented Environmental Benefit, Meeting Needs, Leadership/Innovation, Coverage and Replicability and Education and Outreach. Answers to the questions were scored by a panel of judges from NJDEP management staff and the Board of Directors of NJCAT, with total possible points equalling 100. Winning projects will be featured on poster displays at the awards reception.

The Applied Water Management Group of American Water, with headquarters in Hillsborough, NJ, offers customized solutions to real estate developers, industrial clients, and new and expanding communities. Providing clients with safe, reliable, long-lasting, and highly-efficient solutions to suit individual water needs, the Applied Water Management Group is an integrated part of American Water.

With headquarters in Voorhees, NJ, American Water employs approximately 7,000 dedicated professionals who provide high quality water, wastewater and other related services to more than 18 million people in 29 states and Canada.

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