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Upper Trinity Receives Peak Performance Awards

LEWISVILLE, TX – September 25, 2020: Upper Trinity Regional Water District (Upper Trinity) has been recognized with top national honors for each of its four water reclamation (wastewater treatment) facilities serving several communities in Denton County. The Peak Performance Awards program is sponsored by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA). Peak Performance Awards are presented annually to recognize public wastewater treatment facilities for outstanding performance in compliance with state and federal regulations.

Upper Trinity has four water reclamation plants serving 15 communities in Denton County; three will receive Platinum Awards for the year 2019, and the fourth will receive a Gold Award for 2019. The **NACWA Platinum Award** is presented to member agencies that have achieved 100 percent compliance with Texas and EPA standards for treated effluent from water reclamation plants - - if the 100% compliance has been consistent for at least five consecutive years.

- Lakeview Plant (located in the City of Lake Dallas) has maintained perfect compliance since Upper Trinity began its operation twenty-one years ago; and, provides wastewater treatment services to the cities of Corinth and Highland Village, the towns of Double Oak and Bartonville, the Lake Cities Municipal Utility Authority (serving Lake Dallas, Hickory Creek and Shady Shores) and the Lantana community (served by Denton County Fresh Water Supply District No. 7). The Lakeview Plant holds the second longest period of perfect compliance in the State of Texas, and only eighteen facilities in the entire United States hold a longer period of perfect compliance than Lakeview.
- Peninsula Plant (located near the City of Oak Point) has maintained perfect compliance since the plant began operation sixteen years ago; and, serves Mustang Special Utility District, including a portion of the Town of Cross Roads and the City of Oak Point.
- Riverbend Plant (located in Paloma Creek) provides wastewater treatment services to the Town of Providence Village, Mustang SUD plus the Paloma Creek and Union Park communities along US Hwy 380, and has maintained perfect compliance for twelve consecutive years.

The **NACWA Gold Award** is presented to member agencies that have achieved 100 percent compliance with Texas and EPA standards for treated effluent from water reclamation plants within that calendar year.

Doe Branch Plant (located near Savannah) has maintained <u>perfect compliance since the plant began</u> <u>operation four years ago</u>; and, provides wastewater treatment to the City of Celina, Town of Prosper, Mustang SUD, and the Artesia community along US Hwy 380.

"Upper Trinity takes pride in providing first-class service with our four modern water reclamation plants for communities in the Denton County area. The plants are very efficient, reflecting the skills of qualified and extremely dedicated employees who are fully committed to public service. These professionals take great care and pride in protecting the environment," commented Larry N. Patterson, Executive Director of Upper Trinity.

The Platinum and Gold Awards for perfect compliance will be presented to Upper Trinity during NACWA's 50th Anniversary Virtual Awards Celebration on October 28, 2020.

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Upper Trinity is a regional water district created by the Texas Legislature in 1989 for the benefit of cities and utilities in the Denton County area. Its mandate is to develop regional plans for water services, and to provide both water and

wastewater services on a wholesale basis to cities and utilities within its service area, including all of Denton County and portions of Dallas and Collin Counties. Upper Trinity is a leader in public education regarding water conservation and water quality protection, and regularly conducts programs concerning drought tolerant landscape techniques, landscape practices and more efficient water use. The Upper Trinity Regional Water District Board of Directors took further action to help protect the watersheds above water supply reservoirs by creating the Upper Trinity Conservation Trust to work with communities, landowners and developers in preservation of watershed and riparian assets. To learn more, please visit www.utrwd.com.

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For more information on Upper Trinity's efforts to improve and protect water quality in the streams and lakes in the Denton County area, please contact Jason L. Pierce, Manager of Governmental Affairs & Communications at 972-219-1228.

Attached Photos:

Lakeview Water Reclamation Plant Peninsula Water Reclamation Plant Riverbend Water Reclamation Plant Doe Branch Water Reclamation Plant