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### **New York Water Environment Association Honors Daniel Rourke of Saratoga County Sewer District with Emmeline Moore Award**

**Syracuse, NY** – The New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA) honored Daniel Rourke, Executive Director of Saratoga County Sewer District, with the Emmeline Moore Award at the awards ceremony during NYWEA’s 95th Annual Meeting. This award commemorates Emmeline Moore, the first woman biologist to rank as a full-time investigator with the New York State Conservation Department (now known as NYS Department of Environmental Conservation). The award is given annually to an Association member who is a government employee within the State of New York and has made a significant impact in the area of water quality management, environmental engineering, and/or water and sewer infrastructure development.

Rourke currently serves as the Executive Director for the Saratoga County Sewer District (SCSD). He earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He then worked as a consulting engineer for 7 years, becoming a project manager and overseeing the Town of East Greenbush Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) upgrade and Rensselaer County Sewer District disinfection upgrade project. Rourke then took the role of Executive Director for Saratoga County at the end of 2015.

Rourke has been instrumental in the implementation of numerous projects for SCSD, including overseeing the design of numerous sewer collection system upgrades, pipe rehabilitations, and pump station upgrades. At the WWTP, he has supervised the design of building upgrades and equipment replacements and is currently overseeing the design for an ammonia removal upgrade project and a biosolids management facility project. He is engaged with every project and contributes ideas to make sure the SCSD WWTP can keep up with its ever changing municipal and industrial contributors and can run efficiently while meeting its discharge goals of protecting water quality.

Rourke is a long time NYWEA member and has participated in numerous committees and activities. He is the Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Association, and serves on the Civil Service Task Force. He has also been active with his regional Capital Chapter of NYWEA. He has served as state representative and training chair. Rourke has participated in many volunteer activities and events, from advocating to state and local elected representatives about the need for investment in water infrastructure to talking to students in Schenectady’s Rise High Program about the benefits of wastewater treatment, to cleaning trails for the annual “Canal Clean Sweep” event. He inspires others to participate in NYWEA and is a recognized leader within the organization and in the water sector. Most recently he was seen in Albany with Senator Michelle Hinchey advocating for permanent funding of the Safe Water Infrastructure Action Program.

**About NYWEA:** Founded in 1929 by professionals in the field of water quality as a nonprofit educational organization, NYWEA has 2,500 members statewide and hosts several technical conferences each year for environmental engineers, scientists, water resource recovery operators, public officials and others who work

in water and wastewater quality management. In addition, NYWEA sponsors a scholarship program, publishes *Clear Waters* – a quarterly educational magazine, administers wastewater operator training and certification, and supports humanitarian clean water projects. Headquartered in Syracuse, NYWEA has seven regional chapters, 15 college student chapters and is a Member Association of the international Water Environment Federation. For more information, please visit [www.nywea.org](http://www.nywea.org).



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