



Our Widening Footprints

Many months have passed since David Geisinger approached me with an idea to write an article on decentralized wastewater treatment systems for publication in *Clearwaters*. After some discussion, I suggested that he submit an article for consideration. David very quickly went to work and submitted an article that, shall we say, "opened the floodgate" for devoting an entire issue of the magazine to the theme of managed decentralized systems.

As we watch farm fields give way to housing developments, malls, and sprawl in general, it certainly makes me think about how nature is affected by the growth decisions made by local governments and planning boards. We often tout the phrase "Economic development and environmental responsibility go hand in hand," but are we looking at alternative ways to build communities that will balance public health, development, and the environment?

Decentralized systems may be overlooked or underutilized. In the right application, these systems could be the way to continue to protect water quality and public health issues, while continuing to support intelligent community growth. I hope you learn as much as I did from reading this issue.

Many thanks to David Geisinger and Gerry Chartier, Sandy Lizlovs and Tom Boekeloo for their assistance in the coordination of this issue.

Be sure to watch for the next couple of issues of *Clearwaters*, which we hope will be of interest to our members:

- Winter Issue: Utility Management
- Spring Issue: Updates for the Stormwater Phase II Program/MS4s and Brownfields

As always, we are looking for our members to write articles for this magazine. Please contact me if you have an idea for an issue or are interested in writing an article.



Upcoming Meetings

Joint Tiftt Symposium (NYSAWWA/NYWEA)
November 15–16, 2005, Syracuse

78th Annual Meeting
February 5–8, 2006, New York City

Joint NYWEA/NEWEA 2006 Spring Technical Conference and Exhibition
June 4–7, 2006, Mystic, Connecticut

Writing Guidelines

Clearwaters, the official publication of the New York Water Environment Association, welcomes submissions from its members and other interested parties. We publish each quarter both in hardcopy and on the NYWEA website. Authors are not paid for articles but retain rights after publication.

Clearwaters is read by consultants, operators, and regulators involved in wastewater treatment and the environment. It is not a scientific journal. We prefer to print articles that show how challenges to wastewater treatment—technical, operational, and policy issues—were overcome such that others will benefit from the information. Please call the editor if you wish to discuss an article in advance of submitting a manuscript.

Length of Articles

- **Feature** (2000–3500 words, 6–10 double-spaced pages)
- **Medium article** (700–1500 words, 2–5 double-spaced pages)
- **Short article** (500 words or less, 1–1/2 double-spaced pages)

Please e-mail articles to the Editor, or send electronic media (CD, floppy disk) or hardcopy to 126 N. Salina St., Suite 200, Syracuse, NY 13202. Microsoft Word or plain (ASCII) text are acceptable formats.

Please include the name, title, affiliation, and e-mail address of each author. Note which author is the lead and which is the contact person. If you do not wish an e-mail address listed in the magazine or on the Web, notify the editor at the time of submission.

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Graphics Guidelines

Nearly every article suitable for *Clearwaters* benefits from technical illustrations or photographs. Please use an RGB tiff format with a resolution of at least 300 dots per inch (dpi) for all photos and a bitmapped tiff format with a resolution of 1,200 dpi for line art such as charts or schematics **at the size they will be used**. Please do not use very light line weights or tiny lettering on drawings because they do not reproduce well in hardcopy and render the drawing unusable for the Web.

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