New York Water Environment Association, Inc.

The Water Quality Management Professionals

525 Plum Street, Suite 102 • Syracuse, New York 13204
(315) 422-7811 • Fax: 422-3851 • www.nywea.org

2007
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OFFICERS

THOMAS J. LAURO
President
Westchester, NY

ROBERT KUKENBERGER
President-Elect
Syracuse, NY

BRUCE MUNN
Vice President
Cazenovia, NY

THOMAS WHETHAM
Vice President-Elect
Buffalo, NY

NICHOLAS J. BARTILUCCI
Treasurer
Woodbury, NY

JANICE JIJINA
Immediate Past President
Woodbury, NY

CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES

GERARD S. MOSCINSKI
(2006-2009) Capital
KENNETH KNUTSEN
(2007-2010) Central
DOUGLAS ALAIMO
(2007-2010) Genesee
STEVEN A. FANGMANN
(2006-2009) Long Island
JOHN SANSALONE
(2007-2010) Lower Hudson
RICHARD GARDNER
(2005-2008) Metropolitan
BRYAN T. SMITH
(2006-2009) Western

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

JEAN MALAFRONTE
(2007-2010) New York City
ANTHONY DELLA VALLE
(2006-2008) Jackson Heights
RANDY OTT
(2006-2009) Syracuse

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL

VINCENT APA
(2006-2008) Latham

OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE

WILLIAM GRANDNER
(2006-2009) Brooklyn

WEF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

J. KIRK ROWLAND
(2006-2009) Tonawanda
ROBERT ADAMSKI
(2007-2010) Brooklyn

NYSDEC LIAISON
SANDRA ALLEN
USEPA LIAISON
JEFF GRATZ
EXECUTIVE OFFICE
PATRICIA CERRO-REEHIL
Executive Director

80TH ANNUAL MEETING
NYC Marriott Marquis
February 4-6, 2008

17 July 2007

The Honorable Eliot Spitzer
Executive Chamber
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

RE: The Environmental Protection Fund Enhancement Act
(A.8339 Sweeney/S. 5304 Marcellino)

Dear Governor Spitzer:

On behalf of the 2,300 members of the New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA), we write to urge you to sign into law the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) Enhancement Act. This legislation, which was passed in both Houses during the 2007 Legislative Session, would increase the EPF to $300 million by 2009. The increase in funding that would be provided over the next two years as a result of this legislation is critical for programs that protect our land, air and water.

Of particular interest to NYWEA is the much needed funding for wastewater infrastructure and this legislation could help offset the costs for municipal wastewater improvement projects.

This ongoing investment in New York's environment, funded by Real Estate Transfer Tax revenue, will yield short and long –term dividends to New York's taxpayers by helping to ensure clean air and water and by protecting the State's natural assets that attract businesses, tourists and residents looking for a high quality of life. We appreciate your commitment to protecting the people and environmental issues we are faced with in the 21st Century, and urge you to continue your support by signing this legislation into law.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Lauro

Thomas J. Lauro
President

/Judith Enck
Senator Charles Schumer