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National award recognition for the Southeast Area Combined Sewer Improvements project

The Village of Shorewood was notified last week by the American Public Works Association (APWA) that the [Southeast Area Combined Sewer Improvements \(SEACSI\) project](#) was selected as the Small Cities/Rural communities Public Works Project of the Year in Disaster or Emergency Construction Repair for 2025. This honor is shared with Strand Associates, Inc. and Advance Construction and Globe Contractors, Inc. working together to address a monumental area of need within the Village of Shorewood's aging infrastructure.

The Village of Shorewood's SEACSI improvements are the culmination of decades of analysis, planning and engineering in response to several notable rain events - particularly July, 2010 - which led to widespread sewer system failures and property damage.

"The Department of Public Works staff and our Village Engineer Strand Associates, Inc. has led this multi-year, once in lifetime infrastructure improvement with vision, grit and great attention to detail", said Village Manager, Rebecca Ewald. She continued: "This project began in 2010 and has included many staff and engineering firms. I am specifically grateful to Public Works Director Leeann Butschlick, Public Works Superintendent Dan Heyen, engineers Phil Bzdusek, Emily Rowntree and construction inspector Konrad Temnitz for executing this important work. Other firms involved in the process include Clark Dietz, Baxter & Woodman, Ruckert & Mielke and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District for their instrumental collaboration."

This honor comes after initial recognition by the APWA's Wisconsin Chapter for this project in the same category. Among the projects across the country submitted for consideration, the Village's SEACSI project won national acclaim for its achievement in the field of public works.

The APWA Public Works Project of the Year Award was established to promote excellence in the management, administration, and implementation of public works projects by recognizing the alliance between the managing agency, the consultant/architect/engineer, and the contractor who work together to complete public works projects.

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