

Press Release

Hickory Creek Watershed Planning Group Awarded Engineering Excellence Award from ACEC-IL

On February 9, 2017, Hickory Creek Watershed Planning Group (HCWPG) was awarded an [Engineering Excellence Award](#) from the American Council of Engineering Companies-Illinois Chapter (ACEC-IL) chapter in the “Study, Research, and Consulting Category” at the annual awards luncheon for outstanding water quality, stormwater management, public education, and stakeholder engagement work over the past two years. HCWPG, in collaboration with the Huff & Huff, a subsidiary of GZA (H&H), implemented a holistic approach toward developing the Phase 1 study for a Third-Party Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) in the Hickory Creek watershed. The project was titled “Engage+ Innovate+ Sustain=Triple Bottom Line”. Project lead by Lindsay Birt, Ph.D.

HCWPG consists of nine municipalities and agencies **working** to protect and restore Hickory Creek and its tributaries: City of Joliet, Village of New Lenox, Village of Orland Park, Village of Frankfort, Village of Mokena, Village of Homer Glen, Village of Tinley Park, Will County-Land Use Department, and the Forest Preserve of Will County. [Click for more information.](#)



Photo 1: (Left to Right) John O'Neill (ACEC-IL President), James Huff (Oak Brook, IL), Will Nash (President of Hickory Creek Watershed Planning Group (HCWPG), and Village of New Lenox, IL), Lindsay Birt (Oak Brook, IL), Allison Swisher (HCWPG member and City of Joliet), Dave Ruetz (Oak Brook, IL), Ahmad Zayyad (HCWPG member and Village of Orland Park), and Engineering Excellence Awards Committee Chair Janet Wackrow of AES Services



Photo 2: (Left to Right) Ahmad Zayyad (HCWPG member and Village of Orland Park) and Dr. Lindsay Birt (HCWPG Watershed Coordinator and H&H, Inc.) holding the 2017 Engineering Excellence Award.