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### Schaumburg Public Works Awarded APWA Full Reaccreditation Honors

**SCHAUMBURG, IL (February 6, 2023)** – The Village of Schaumburg is proud to announce that its Engineering and Public Works Department has been reaccredited by the American Public Works Association (APWA) for the 7th consecutive time since 1997. The purpose of the APWA accreditation program is to promote excellence in the operation and management of a public works agency, its programs, assets and employees.

Open to all governmental agencies with responsibilities for public works functions, initial accreditation from APWA is for a four-year period, during which time semi-annual updates will be required to demonstrate continuing compliance. After that time, a reaccreditation process builds on the original accreditation, encouraging continuous improvement and compliance with newly identified practices.

Accreditation is designed to assist the agency in the continuous improvement of operations and management, and in providing a valid and objective evaluation of agency programs.

The APWA accreditation program evaluates the overall management practices of a public works department, including administration, budgeting, personnel management, asset management, operations and technical services. Schaumburg's Engineering and Public Works Department underwent a rigorous review process and demonstrated its exceptional dedication to providing the highest quality services to the community.

“The village’s Engineering and Public Works Department is proud to be the longest-running accredited agency in the country,” said Engineering and Public Works Director Mike Hall. “I am grateful for all the hours that staff contributed during this reaccreditation process. The reaccreditation is more than just a feather in the cap; it validates the processes and procedures that we are responsible for and recognizes the high standards of professionalism and technical competence of our public works department.”

The APWA accreditation program is widely recognized as the benchmark for public works departments across the country, and the Village of Schaumburg is proud to be recognized among the best in the industry.

“This recognition of Schaumburg’s Engineering and Public Works Department further exemplifies the village’s commitment to providing high-quality services to our residents,” said Village Manager Brian Townsend. “I extend my congratulations to everyone in the department for this recognition.”

The primary function of the village’s Engineering and Public Works Department is to provide high-quality, cost-effective municipal services to customers and successfully manage village-owned infrastructure, facilities and equipment. Operating function responsibilities are assigned to three groups including Field Services, such as Landscape Division, Streets and Signs Division, and Electrical/Customer Service Division; Utility Services, such as Storm Sewer

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Division, Sanitary Sewer Division, and Water Division; as well as Support Services, such as Building Maintenance Division and Fleet Services Division.

Key services include preparing detailed plans and specifications for public improvements, infrastructure and rehabilitation projects. The department oversees the construction of streets, street lights, sidewalks, bike paths, sewers, water mains, grading and parking lots. Snow removal and landscape maintenance is also a significant responsibility of the department. For more information about the department, visit the village's website at [www.schaumburg.com/epw](http://www.schaumburg.com/epw) or dial 311 in Schaumburg.

For more information about APWA Accreditation, visit <http://bit.ly/2OtwHlj>.

### **About APWA**

The American Public Works Association ([www.apwa.net](http://www.apwa.net)) is a not-for-profit, international organization with more than 30,000 members involved in the field of public works. APWA serves its members by promoting professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy and the exchange of knowledge. APWA is headquartered in Kansas City, MO, has an office in Washington, DC, and 63 chapters in North America.

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