

# Winnepesaukee River Basin Program Wins Wastewater Plant of the Year Award (POTY) Award

*Award Presented by the NH Water Pollution Control Association*

Concord, NH - The New Hampshire Water Pollution Control Association (NHWPCA) has awarded the Winnepesaukee River Basin Program (WRBP), operated by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), with the Plant of the Year (POTY) award.



The award was presented at the NHWPCA Winter meeting on December 14, 2018, in Keene. The annual POTY award is given each year to a wastewater treatment and collection (sewer) system based on competitive ranking for specific criteria: regulatory compliance, safety, employee education, professional participation and public outreach. Other nominees for this award included the Nashua, Plymouth and Rochester wastewater systems. The WRBP was

ranked first based on its outstanding accomplishments for the entire calendar year of 2017.

The WRBP is the state-owned and operated wastewater collection and treatment system serving 10 Lakes Region communities including portions of Center Harbor, Moultonborough, Gilford, Meredith, Laconia, Belmont, Sanbornton, Northfield, Tilton and Franklin. Those communities are represented by an Advisory Board, which unanimously commended WRBP staff for their accomplishments leading to receiving this prestigious award.



The WRBP system was built over 40 years ago and has been managed by NHDES since its inception. NHDES staff continues to operate and maintain the system on behalf of the communities benefiting from the facilities.

“The staff at the Winnepesaukee River Basin Program are to be congratulated for receiving this well-deserved recognition. It is through their hard work, dedication and innovation that the residents of the Lakes Region communities served by the WRBP have an efficient and cost effective wastewater treatment facility that is protecting water quality and the quality of life in the region,” said Bob Scott, NHDES Commissioner.

For more information about the WRBP, visit the NHDES website at:

<https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wrbb/index.htm>