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WINDERMERE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY
NAMED 'PLANT OF THE YEAR'

Georgia Association of Water Professionals recognizes county facility

FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia – The Forsyth County Windermere Water Treatment Facility was recently recognized as the ‘Plant of the Year’ in its size classification by the Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP). This year was the first time the Windermere facility has applied for the award.

GAWP audits and conducts inspections of water and wastewater plants in different size classifications across the state. The Windermere facility was selected as the winner in the “less than 1 million gallon, non-discharge” category. GAWP inspects each plant for permit compliance, safety, maintenance and all aspects of the treatment process.

Following inspection, grades are recorded for the different categories. The Windermere facility received the highest score among all of the applicants in that plant size classification.

The Windermere facility is permitted to treat 0.55 million gallons of raw wastewater daily. Forsyth County purchased the Windermere facility in December 2006 from a private owner and upgraded the plant to improve operations. ESG Operations, Inc. partnered with Forsyth County on January 1, 2010, for the operation, maintenance and management of the county wastewater system, including the Windermere facility.

“We are very proud of all the hard work that has gone into the facility at Windermere to make this recognition possible,” said Forsyth County Director of Water and Sewer Tim Perkins.

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