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## **Village of Bensenville Public Works Director Joe Caracci's leadership honored by APWA Suburban Branch**

*Caracci's recognition qualifies him for the APWA Chicago Chapter award*

**Bensenville, IL** – Last week, Village of Bensenville Public Works Director Joe Caracci received the APWA Suburban Branch Top Ten Leaders in Public Works Award for his exceptional leadership and commitment. The recognition now places Caracci into the nomination pool for the APWA Chicago Chapter selection and for the APWA National Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year Award.

“Joe’s contributions to Bensenville, Illinois, and public work across the country cannot be understated,” said Village of Bensenville President Frank DeSimone. “We believe we have the best public works department in the country and Joe’s leadership plays a big role in that. The village is filled with pride for Joe and we are proud to see one of our own being honored.”

With more than two decades of experience, Caracci has overseen countless major capital improvement projects. During his career, Caracci has delivered major infrastructure improvements, including wastewater treatment upgrades, fleet electrification, and management of the Illinois Tollway’s I-490 project, all while prioritizing innovation, sustainability, and fiscal responsibility.

Throughout his career, Caracci has mentored more than 30 team members who have gone on to public works leadership roles. Of the 30, eight have gone on to become Public Works Directors or Village Managers.

“This award is a testament to the importance and value our Public Works team brings to the people of Bensenville every day,” said Caracci. “Our work is vital in maintaining Bensenville as a safe, clean, and efficient village to live in.. I am excited to accept this award and look forward to continuing to deliver the exceptional work that residents have become accustomed to.”

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