Jeff Eger
Executive Director
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Full Career Highlights

Prior to joining WEF in January 2011, Eger served as the executive director of Sanitation District 1 (SD1) in Fort Wright, Kentucky since 1994. SD1 is the second largest public sewer utility in Kentucky and maintains $1 billion in physical assets that include more than 1,600 miles of sanitary sewer line, 143 wastewater pumping stations, 15 flood pump stations, eight package treatment plants, two major wastewater treatment plants with a third under construction, more than 250 miles of storm sewer and more than 17,800 sewer structures.

During his tenure Mr. Eger:

- Supervised the regionalization of 30 municipal sanitary sewer systems in response to pending federal environmental regulations and legislative changes to KRS 220.
- Accepted the responsibility to develop and implement a regional storm water management program to comply with U.S. EPA's 1999 Federal Storm Water Phase II Regulations. SD1 began taking responsibility of public storm water collection systems in 2009.
- Negotiated a unique watershed-based Consent Decree with state and federal officials that outlines a strategic 20-year plan for addressing sewer overflows in Northern Kentucky. This settlement takes a holistic approach to improving water quality in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, which will ensure that communities are protected and quality of life is preserved. This settlement is the first in the nation to use a watershed approach in addressing sewer overflows and should serve as a benchmark for other utilities across the nation facing similar issues. Through this unique watershed Consent Decree, Mr. Eger continues to encourage and promote the utilization of storm water best management practices and green infrastructure techniques. Innovative green alternatives will be used in combination with traditional solutions to cost effectively reduce storm water runoff and excess flows entering sewer systems, minimizing wet weather discharges, improving water quality in local waterways and minimizing costs to local rate payers.
- Initiated the design and construction of two new regional wastewater treatment plants and secured more than $80 million in low interest, state revolving loan funds to help finance the construction of these facilities, reducing costs to local rate payers. These facilities will protect our local waterways by reducing millions of gallons of sewage from overflowing from SD1's system during rain events.
- Successfully lobbied the Kentucky General Assembly to enact House Bill 504, the first piece of affordability legislation passed in the nation. This legislation requires Kentucky Division of Water to consider extending the time required for a

sewer utility to make infrastructure improvements, which will help make compliance with the Clean Water Act more affordable.

- Demonstrated his environmental commitment through the development of Public Service Park, located at SD1's headquarters in Ft. Wright, Kentucky. The Park demonstrates several storm water best management practices including a vegetated roof, above-ground cistern to capture roof runoff for reuse, porous pavements, an oil-water separator, an urban forest, wetland forebay, biofiltration ditch, vegetated swale, retention pond, and detention basin. Mr. Eger's vision was to create an interactive site that children would want to visit and since its dedication in 2004, Public Service Park has become not only a proving ground, but also an environmental learning center that hosts more than 3,000 students annually.
- Made a significant commitment to public involvement and participation through the formation of multiple community focus groups. Partnerships that have developed through these efforts have provided an opportunity for public involvement in decisions that affect Northern Kentucky's quality of life and the environment. Significant public involvement initiatives include: Storm Water Advisory Committee, Watershed Community Council, Eastern Regional Water Reclamation Facility Site Evaluation Committee, Rate Study Focus Groups.
- Developed a team building program, know as Zapper, that provides SD1 employees the opportunity to volunteer for community service projects, challenging them to work outside their norms and foster an appreciation for diversity for creating a greater sense of purpose in the organization and the community.

Professional Involvement/Civic Service

- Former chairman, current member – Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO).
- Chairman, Wet Weather Partners, a national partnership of sewer utilities.
- Executive Committee Secretary, Gateway Community and Technical College Foundation.
- Member, National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA).
- Past member of Bluegrass State Skills Commission; Kentucky Literacy Commission; Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education; Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee; Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.
- Active in charitable and education activities and organizations, including The Charity Night at the Tables and the Regional Youth Leadership program.
- Speaker or presenter to more than 100 groups, including key note speech at the Annual Three Rivers Wet Weather Conference, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Guest lecturer, Northern Kentucky University.

Awards and Recognition

- Outstanding Young Leader Award, Kentucky Jaycees.

- Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Walter Pieschel Award (2004), presented to outstanding volunteer.
- Outstanding Alumnus of Northern Kentucky University (graduated 1994, Bachelor of Arts, Communications.
- Honored member, U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce.
- With wife, Ruth Eger, honored by Girl Scouts of America and National Leadership Academy for community service.