

## **2019 Stormwater Award Recipients**

Since 2006, the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission Stormwater Awards Program has recognized outstanding efforts by organizations, communities, groups and individuals for projects and other proactive and innovative efforts to improve water quality, reduce flooding, and help restore the natural drainage system. Congratulations to the following recipients of the 2019 Annual Stormwater Awards. They will be honored at the March Commission meeting.

<u>BMP Project of the Year</u>: Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for the Buffalo Creek Reservoir Expansion project

<u>Community of the Year:</u> The City of Highland Park for their contributions to stormwater management through the Ravine 3 Ecological Restoration Project, flood buyouts, flood mitigation efforts, and more.

<u>Development of the Year:</u> Synergy Flavors for the new 40,000 sq. ft. LEED Gold-certified office building that puts sustainability at the forefront.

**Steward of the Year:** Andy Hay

<u>Education</u>, <u>Outreach and Media Award</u>: Grayslake's Meadowview School for their environmental education and sustainability programs and schoolwide woodland project.

Richard A. Welton Stormwater Manager of the Year: Jim Bakk