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Michigan City Sanitary District General Manager takes home state award from the Environmental Education Association of Indiana

The City of Michigan City's Sanitary District General Manger was recognized for his excellence with one of the state awards. General Manager Al Walus was the recipient of the top state award from the Environmental Education Association of Indiana (EEAI).

This award was given under the category of the "Joe Wright Recognition of Excellence Award". Al Walus was recognized for specific achievements in the field of environmental education of Indiana. This award recognizes a member for their consistent dedication to the provision of quality of interpretation and environmental education.

This past summer Mr. Walus piloted an environmental education program focused on place-based water quality issues with the students of the Michigan City Area Schools. The program was three weeks long, and each week had a different theme. This program was a huge success, and will be continued and improved upon each summer in the Michigan City Area Schools because of Al's dedication to water quality and the education of children.

The award was presented to Al Walus in Milford, Indiana on November 7, 2009 at the Environmental Education Association of Indiana annual Conference.

Mayor Oberlie noted," We are very proud of Al's efforts to involve our youth in water quality activities. Not only will the city benefit by their observations and future involvement in the community, but we hope that their experience will lead to career opportunities."

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