



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 29, 2019

Media Contacts:

Ashleigh Chatel / O: 313-324-7867 / ashleigh.chatel@fleishman.com

Michelle Zdrodowski / O: 313-224-4739 / michelle.zdrodowski@glwater.org

**GREAT LAKES WATER AUTHORITY RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR
WATER TREATMENT FACILITY PERFORMANCE**

GLWA's Water Works Park receives honor for its drinking water operations

DETROIT— The Great Lakes Water Authority's (GLWA) Water Works Park has received the "2019 Directors Award for Water Treatment" from the Partnership for Safe Water (PSW), a program developed by the EPA, American Water Works Association (AWWA), and associated partner organizations to guide water systems toward improving water quality by optimizing system operations.

GLWA was one of six select groups in the nation honored in this category for its long-term commitment to innovation, outstanding performance achieved and environment and public-health protection. The PSW awards program recognizes utilities who demonstrate an outstanding commitment to delivering superior quality drinking water to customers, directly aligning with GLWA's commitment to providing water of unquestionable quality.

"We are honored to have another GLWA facility recognized by the Partnership for Safe Water," said Cheryl Porter, chief operating officer, GLWA. "We continuously aim to exceed water quality standards and serve our communities with excellence. The 2019 Directors Award for Water Treatment is evidence of our mission to utilize best practices in the treatment of drinking water, while promoting healthy communities and economic growth."

Water Works Park, the newest water treatment plant in the regional system, received this honor for successfully maintaining the program's high standards of performance. Water Works Park has the ability to produce up to 240 million gallons of water of unquestionable quality per day. GLWA's innovative technologies have made the facility capable of both expanding and downsizing based on future water usage demand and customer base.

To receive the Directors Award for Water Treatment, GLWA was required to complete a self-assessment and peer review, along with a comprehensive evaluation of each treatment facility's operations and performance, identification of performance limiting factors, and the development of action plans to achieve optimization were completed.

In 2016, three GLWA facilities including Lake Huron, Northeast and Southwest received the this important designation from PSW.

The Partnership for Safe Water is a voluntary self-assessment and optimization program for water treatment plant and distribution system operations. More than 300 utility subscribers, collectively serving millions of people, are committed to the PSW's goal of providing safe, high-quality drinking water through achieving operational excellence in water treatment. PSW members participate in a rigorous four-phase self-assessment and peer review process, developed by water utility optimization experts. Utilities that subscribe to the PSW are dedicated to providing high-quality water to customers, even beyond regulatory requirements.

For more information on the Authority, please visit www.glwater.org.

###

About the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA)

The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) is the provider of choice for water and wastewater services to 127 municipalities in eight southeast Michigan counties. With the Great Lakes as source water, the GLWA is uniquely positioned to provide its customers water of unquestionable quality. GLWA has capacity to extend its service to other southeast Michigan communities. The authority offers a Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP) to assist low-income residential customers throughout the system. The GLWA board includes one representative each from Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties as well as two representatives from the City of Detroit, and one appointed by the governor of Michigan to represent customer communities outside the tri-county area.

About The Partnership for Safe Water (PSW)

The Partnership for Safe Water is an alliance of the American Water Works Association, Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, Association of State Drinking Water Administrators, United States Environmental Protection Agency, National Association of Water Companies, and the Water Research Foundation.