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Spartanburg Water Maintenance Coordinator Awarded For Outstanding Service

Water Environment Association of South Carolina (WEASC) awards John Harris at district level

SPARTANBURG – Spartanburg Water Wastewater Treatment Maintenance Coordinator, John Harris, was recently selected for recognition by the Water Environment Association of South Carolina (WEASC). Harris, a longtime employee of the utility, was awarded the Blue Ridge Foothills District Maintenance Operator of the Year for 2022 at an awards banquet on January 19.

This award is given annually for excellence in the maintenance of a water and/or wastewater system in South Carolina. Harris is responsible for coordinating the preventive and corrective maintenance for Spartanburg Water’s nine wastewater treatment facilities and the Lawson Fork pump station. He is committed to protecting public health and serving as a good steward of the environment.

John is an Air Force veteran who served as an Electrical Systems Specialist. He started his employment with Spartanburg Water in August 2017 as a Wastewater Treatment Maintenance Technician I. His knowledge and demeanor, along with his electrical and mechanical skills, led him to quickly progress through the technician levels and start his role as the Wastewater Treatment Maintenance Coordinator in August 2019.

“John has done an outstanding job serving as the Maintenance Coordinator over the last three years, and is an excellent performer who is dedicated to his position,” said Facilities Maintenance Manager, Scott Duff. “During the last year, John led his crew to safely complete more than 9,000 hours of preventive and corrective maintenance at Spartanburg Water’s nine wastewater treatment facilities and Lawson Fork pump station.”

During the summer of 2022, John was asked to volunteer time away from home to travel to Jackson, Miss. to assist with the water crisis at the O.B. Curtis Water Treatment Facility. John’s efforts there greatly improved the facility’s ability to produce clean, safe drinking water; and contributed to the lifting of the boil water notice in the City of Jackson, Duff added.



The Blue Ridge Foothills District is one of 10 regional districts of the Water Environment Association of South Carolina (WEASC). The district includes Spartanburg, Greenville, Pickens, Oconee and Anderson counties. Annually, members are selected for outstanding service in categories as defined by the WEASC. These individuals are now eligible to receive awards from the corresponding state organization in March.

ABOUT SPARTANBURG WATER: Spartanburg Water, an award-winning utility, is comprised of Spartanburg Water System and Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District. It serves a population of more than 200,000 within Spartanburg County, as well as others in parts of Greenville, Union and Cherokee counties. With the help of its dedicated team of about 300 employees, each day it produces an average of 25 million gallons of drinking water and cleans 12 million gallons of reclaimed water for its customers and community.

ABOUT THE WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA (WEASC): WEASC serves more than 3,000 members across 10 districts throughout South Carolina. It is affiliated with the Water Environment Federation (WEF), which is composed of affiliates and members throughout the world. Its purpose is to serve those whose vocation is the promotion, protection and preservation of the water environment. And, by extension, to serve all those who enjoy the waters of South Carolina for recreation or refreshment.

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