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De Pere Water Utility Recognized for Outstanding Water Conservation Efforts

DE PERE, WIS. – The City of De Pere Water Utility has received a prestigious Water Efficiency Award for its exceptional water conservation endeavors. The award was bestowed by the Wisconsin Section of the American Water Works Association at a ceremony on Sept. 14 in Madison.

Geoff Farr, the Director of Public Works for the Village of Howard, submitted a nomination for De Pere.

The award is recognition of De Pere's innovative and comprehensive efforts to reduce Non-Revenue Water losses. These strategies include acoustic leak detection efforts conducted every two years, water meter maintenance, and tracking unmetered water utility volumes. De Pere has also adopted an advanced AMR metering reading system and offers a customer metering portal, allowing customers to monitor their water usage effectively.

"Water conservation is not just a goal; it's a responsibility we owe to our community and future generations," said Eric Zygarlicke, De Pere's Water Department Supervisor.

Over the past four years, the De Pere Water Utility has reduced lost water by approximately 150 million gallons compared to 2018 levels. Serving over 10,000 customers, the utility is led by Zygarlicke and Director of Public Works Scott Thoresen.

Moving forward, the De Pere Water Utility hopes to continue enhancing its water conservation efforts, aiming to conduct annual acoustic leak detection surveys, acquire its own leak detection equipment, and provide ongoing, cutting-edge training for their Water Department staff.

For more information on De Pere's water division, visit:

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