

Weekly Pipeline

DEP Staff at the **NYC Legend Sculpture for Alligator in the Sewer Day.**

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Commissioner's Corner



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Last week marked the 96th annual meeting of the [New York Water Environment Association](#) and it was, yet again,

a terrific opportunity for many DEP staff to exchange ideas with other water professionals from around the state, get caught up on evolving technologies or initiatives, and just see old friends and colleagues. Presentations included almost every topic that DEP is thinking about or working on, including the geotechnical analysis that ensures our green infrastructure works effectively, the complex and exciting initiative to daylight

the long-buried Tibbetts Brook, the Long-Term Control Plans that have been completed for waterbodies across the city, and plans to achieve energy neutrality at our 14 wastewater resource recovery facilities, amongst other topics.

I'd also like to highlight the staff from the Bureau of Wastewater Treatment that were recognized with awards, including **Alfred J. Cannisi** who won the Lucy Grassano Scholarship Award, **Yue Yue Guo** who won the Environmental Engineer Award, and **Marc Lombardi** who won the Uhl T. Mann Award for wastewater facility maintenance. Congratulations to all the staff who took part in the annual NYWEA event!



Pictured: Amy Motzny



From Left to Right: Aklema Zannath Faruque, Sudeep Deb, Kelly Wu, Yue Yue Guo



From Left to Right: Janet Aristy, Brian Koch, Michael Sullivan, Ana Calle, Chelsea McDermott, Stephanie Chao



From Left to Right: Jagat Kemraj, Kathleen Esposito, Steve Cubero, Elisia Langdon, Jane Gajwani, Gina Behnke, Joseph Woodrick, Andrea Bianco, Jorge Villacis, Terrence Noel, Erika Buenano, Cristian Sabin



From Left to Right: Alfred Cannisi, Angela DeLillo, Yue Yue Guo, Marc Lombardi

Alligator in the Sewer Day



Recognized each year on February 9, Alligator in the Sewer Day got some added attention this year courtesy of artist **Alexander Klingspor**. In October, Klingspor helped unveil his “[N.Y.C. Legend](#),” a bronze sculpture and ode to the enduring myth of sewer alligators. The 1,320-pound work depicts an alligator curled around a manhole cover. Last week, staff from DEP’s Bureau of Water and Sewer Operations joined the artist in Union Square, ahead of the big day. [Watch the video on Youtube](#).

International Exchange



Deputy Commissioner for Coastal Resiliency **Laurian Farrell** recently had the opportunity to meet with a delegation from Tokyo, Japan, in order to share information on managing coastal storm risks from a technical and administrative point of view. It turns out Tokyo experiences many of the same resiliency challenges as New York City. Even their largest typhoon, Typhoon Kitty, had very similar characteristics as Superstorm Sandy. The group toured the north Battery Park City resiliency project, which was followed by an information exchange session. See [here](#) for more information on some of the infrastructure and resiliency work taking place in Tokyo.

Social Media Highlight

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Some say the "Super-Flush" is merely an urban legend, but peep 🐉 the graph below from last year's [#SuperBowl](#). We had peaks in water usage during halftime AND at the end of the game! That's why, in preparation, we send extra water to Hillview Reservoir to keep things flowing. 🚰💪

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Welcome Aboard!



On Monday, 7 new employees attended orientation and received an overview of the Agency from our HR Generalist **Harold Kim**. We hope everyone will join us in welcoming them to DEP!

Juan Santiago, BWSO; **Robert Del-Giorno**, BWS; **Dannielle Coleman**, BEDC; **Kathryn Mallon**, COMM; **Marvin Mathieu**, SUST/BEPA; **Sarath Paul**, BWSO; and **Arthur Spangel**, BWT.