

## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

### **District Receives 2016 ACEC New York Engineering Excellence Award**

**Great Neck, N.Y. (July 29, 2016)** – The Great Neck Water Pollution Control District (GNWPCD) recently received the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) New York Engineering Excellence Platinum Award. The District received this prestigious award in the energy category for pioneering sustainable technology through its microturbine cogeneration facility.

“The District is honored to accept this prestigious distinction,” said GNWPCD Superintendent Christopher Murphy. “This award recognizes the District’s commitment to providing the Great Neck community with one of the most ecology-friendly and innovative operations in the nation.”

The GNWPCD’s microturbine facility aids in powering its wastewater treatment plant by using methane waste gas in a sustainable, efficient and economical way. The facility provides both heat and electricity, saving taxpayers in excess of \$110,000 annually.

The ACEC New York Engineering Excellence Awards are presented to projects that embody superior engineering skill, environmental ingenuity and value to society, both in the public and private sector. More than 60 member firms submit projects annually to be judged by a panel of national and international industry experts.

“The GNWPCD aggressively pursues environmentally sustainable, cost-effective projects which deliver lasting value to our community,” said GNWPCD Chairperson Jerry Landsberg. “This dedication helps the District serve as a model for the future of our industry and Long Island.”

#### **About the ACEC**

ACEC New York is a proactive coalition of 280 firms representing every discipline of engineering related to the built environment—civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, environmental, geotechnical—and affiliated companies. Our shared goals are to further the business interests of our membership, enhance the quality and safety of the environment we live and work in, and help ensure the vitality of our communities. For more information, visit [www.acecny.org](http://www.acecny.org).

#### **About the GNWPCD**

The Great Neck Water Pollution Control District (GNWPCD) is a commissioner-run Special Improvement District within the Town of North Hempstead. The GNWPCD has provided sewage services for the Great Neck area since 1914, and currently serves more than 25,000 residents and businesses in the villages of Great Neck, Saddle Rock, Kensington, and those parts of Thomaston and Great Neck Plaza east of Middle Neck Road; as well as all unincorporated areas north of the Long Island Rail Road and a part of Manhasset. The GNWPCD's mission is to protect our bay, the environment and the health of our society.

*Photo 1: (L-R) Great Neck Water Pollution Control District Commissioner Deena Lesser, Superintendent Christopher Murphy, Commissioner Steve Reiter and Chairperson Jerry Landsberg stand in front of the District's microturbine cogeneration facility, for which the District was recently awarded the ACEC New York Engineering Excellence Platinum Award. The District received this prestigious award for pioneering sustainable technology by using methane waste gas in a sustainable, efficient and economical way.*

