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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.

Sewer district awarded for microturbine facility

BY JOE NIKIC

The Great Neck Water Pollution Control District recently received an award from the American Council of Engineering Companies for one of its sustainable energy facilities.

The sewer district was awarded the "New York Engineering Excellence Platinum Award" in the energy category for its microturbine cogeneration facility.

"The district is honored to accept this prestigious distinction," district Superintendent Christopher Murphy said. "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 district's microturbines are powered by the methane gas given off by the waste the facility treats.

The microturbines, officials said, provide both heat and electricity for the facility, which saves taxpayers "in excess" of \$110,000 annually.

The ACEC's engineering excellence

awards are given out to projects based on a combination of engineering skill, environmental ingenuity and value to society.

More than 60 firms and districts submit projects each year for consideration.

The projects are judged by a panel of both national and international engineering industry experts.

The district chairman, Jerry Landsberg, said that with its initiatives, the district aims to set a good example for other districts on Long Island.

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

The Great Neck Water Pollution Control District is located at 236 East Shore Road and serves the villages of Great Neck, Great Neck Plaza, Kensington, Thomaston and Saddle Rock as well as parts of Manhasset.