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## \*\*\*P R E S S R E L E A S E\*\*\*

### **Great Neck Sewer District Wins PERMA Award for Staff Training Programming**

*District is Dedicated to Providing a Safe Work Environment*

**Great Neck, N.Y. (June 30, 2022)**— The Great Neck Water Pollution Control District (GNWPCD) is proud to announce that it was recently awarded the Kenneth Herman Sr. Memorial Achievement Award from the Public Employer Risk Management Association (PERMA) for its dedication to providing top-tier training programs to the District’s employees. Secretary to the Board Pamela Patterson took the lead in bringing these programs into the District, which included sensitivity training, active shooter training, harassment-prevention training and more. The District was given the award during a ceremony over Memorial Day Weekend, the culmination of a year’s worth of dedication to the well-being of its workforce.

“All of the great work we do here at the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District is based on the hard work of our fantastic employees, and we are dedicated to making sure their work environment is as healthy and positive as possible,” said GNWPCD Chairwoman Patty Katz. “It is an honor to have received this award from PERMA, which shows us that our work to improve the lives of our employees has paid off. The Board would like to give special thanks to Pamela Patterson, as her passion for providing a safe workspace for her fellow District employees is what made this happen.”

PERMA helps provide training programs to roughly 500 municipal organizations throughout New York State. On average, these organizations use about 17 percent of the programs offered by PERMA. The GNWPCD, however, takes advantage of 52 percent of the programs, providing a wide range of training opportunities for its employees. All of these programs have resulted in an increase in morale and team cohesiveness among the District’s workforce. This not only benefits the workers themselves, but it has helped workers optimize their abilities to serve the more than 25,000 residents who rely on the GNWPCD to ensure the health and safety of their natural environment.

To learn more about the GNWPCD’s usage of PERMA training in its day-to-day operations, visit the Videos page under the News tab on the District’s website at [www.gnwpcd.net](http://www.gnwpcd.net).

#### **About the GNWPCD**

The Great Neck Water Pollution Control District (GNWPCD) is a special commissioner-run 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 Railroad and a part of Manhasset. The GNWPCD's mission is to protect human health, our bays and the environment.

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