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Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council Recognized

Westminster, MD, Friday, October 26, 2018 – The Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council (WRCC) received international recognition as a Utility of the Future Today for its coordination and joint leadership on significant water resource issues facing the county as a whole. The council was recognized in the Partnering and Engagement category. The Board of County Commissioners acknowledged the recognition during Positively Carroll yesterday.

The Water Resource Coordination Council is one of 32 water utilities throughout the world recognized for transformational work in community engagement, watershed stewardship, and recovery of resources such as water, energy, and nutrients. The <u>WRCC</u> was formed in 2007 to serve as the lead intergovernmental agency for water resource planning, development, and protection in Carroll County. The county provides staff support to the WRCC.

The Utility of the Future Today concept is being promoted as water systems face challenges such as aging infrastructure, water pollution, workforce shortages, and impacts of climate change, including drought, floods, storms, and sea level rise. The recognition celebrates the achievements of water utilities that transform from the traditional wastewater treatment system to a resource recovery center and lead in the overall sustainability and resilience of the communities they serve.

"The innovations coming to the water sector present an opportunity for a paradigm shift in the way utilities think about and solve long-standing challenges to clean and reliable water," said Eileen O'Neill, Executive Director of the Water Environment Federation (WEF). "WEF is excited to recognize Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council for embracing innovative ways to better serve their communities."

Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council was recognized during an awards ceremony at the Water Environment Federation's Annual Technical Exhibition and Conference WEFTEC 2018 – WEF's 91st annual technical exhibition and conference – on October 2, 2018, in New Orleans.

To learn more, visit http://www.wef.org/UtilityoftheFuture or contact UtilityRecognition@wef.org.

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