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## MDC PROJECT RECEIVES AWARD FROM CONNECTICUT SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS

Gully Brook sewer project recognized for engineering expertise and innovation

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**(HARTFORD, CT)** The Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers (CSCE) recently presented The Metropolitan District (MDC) and its consultant CDM Smith (CDM) with the 2016 Water Resources ACE Award for the Gully Brook Conduit Disconnection Project. The CSCE honors the planning, design, and construction achievements of Connecticut civil engineers as part of their annual Achievement in Civil Engineering ("ACE") awards program. The ACE award recognizes projects in which significant engineering expertise or innovation was exhibited.

The successful completion of the Gully Brook Conduit disconnection from the combined sewer system was a major milestone in the MDC's Clean Water Project, eliminating the largest combined sewer overflow (CSO) regulator in Hartford and removing approximately 14.2 million gallons (about 15%) of the total CSO discharge from the MDC's sewer system during a 1-year storm.

The Gully Brook project, combined with several other sewer infrastructure projects on Edgewood Street, Burton Street, Homestead Avenue, Garden Street and Upper Albany Avenue, has significantly improved the water quality of the Gully Brook during dry days, while improving the quality of life for customers during storms and increasing the capacity of the system.

The project's success was in large part a function of the excellent coordination among residents, property owners, the MDC and CDM construction, design and community outreach teams and the contractor.

"This award validates the achievement of a major milestone in the Clean Water Project and demonstrates excellence in project management and the coordination of multiple projects over 10 years to improve the quality of life for Hartford businesses and residents, as well as improving water quality of the Connecticut River", stated MDC CEO Scott Jellison.

**About the MDC:** *The MDC is a nonprofit municipal corporation chartered by the Connecticut General Assembly in 1929. The MDC provides water, sewer and household hazardous waste collection services to its member municipalities: Bloomfield, East Hartford, Hartford, Newington, Rocky Hill, West Hartford, Wethersfield and Windsor. In addition, under a series of special agreements, the District supplies treated water to portions of Glastonbury, South Windsor, Farmington, East Granby and Portland.*

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