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### Come join the GAWP Collection Committee

Meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. If you are not able to attend in person, join us by conference call. Sign up on the GAWP website under the Committees tab, and then go to the next scheduled meeting.

The Collection Systems Committee was established to disseminate fundamental and practical knowledge concerning the collection system and mechanical appurtenances used in wastewater systems, provide training opportunities for operators, and create a forum for discussion of the design, construction, maintenance, capacity, rehabilitation, and management of collection systems and associated mechanical equipment.

This committee will accomplish its mission by soliciting papers and developing technical sessions for GAWP conferences and by developing specialty seminars and workshops, as appropriate. The Collection Systems Committee promotes the reduction of sanitary sewer overflows through encouraging utilities throughout the State to use CMOM best management practices. In this regard, the Committee oversees the Collection System Excellence Awards, including promoting the awards, evaluating the candidates, and selecting the recipients. It also selects the recipients of the Golden Manhole Award. These awards are presented at the Fall Conference.

There are numerous benefits to joining the Collection Committee. Hear from Committee member Charlie Morrow, PE, Director of Watershed Engineering, **Dalton Utilities**. Charlie has been a member of the Collection Committee since May 2015. Charlie joined the Collection Committee to get more involved in GAWP. Also the majority of his Capital Improvement Projects mainly consists on collection systems rehab and expansion. *“The Collection System Committee gets me unlimited access to a wealth of knowledge from other utility professionals, vendors, and engineering consultants.”* Charlie attended a Collection System audit at his Facility and was able to share and gather feedback about similar Utilities regarding their ongoing tasks and problems, daily operations, data collections, and workflow. Coming from an Engineering Consulting background and new to Utility realm, the Collection System Committee Charlie says this is my “pipeline” to experts in a similar field. *“The Committee is very dynamic in structure; the meetings are productive and thorough, leading to consistent and active participation. The Committee has a multitude of diverse utility personnel including; engineers, operators, directors, etc... The foundation of the Committee has been established as well sub-committees, which keeps the agenda full and flourishing. If you are looking for a vibrant and active committee to get involved in, try us out.”*



In addition, the Collection Committee offers “WASTEWATER COLLECTIONS SYSTEMS BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES” which includes Sewer Mapping; Hydraulic Model; Flow and Rainfall Monitoring; FOG Program; Collection System Maintenance; Sewer System Condition Assessment and Rehabilitation and Contingency and Emergency Response Plan. These will be available on the GAWP website.

We look forward to seeing or hearing from you. If you have any questions, you can contact GAWP, one of the committee members or contact me directly. Thank you.

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