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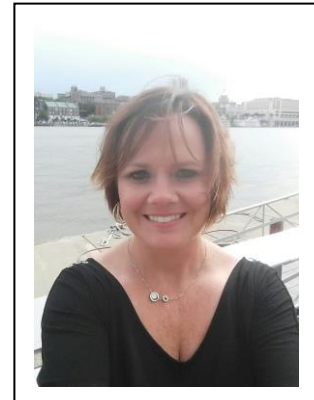
Come join the GAWP Collection Committee

Meetings are the 4th 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 Heather Veal, CMOM Coordinator, ***Macon Water Authority***. Heather has been a member of the Collection Committee for 9 years. She has been the Outreach Sub-Committee Chair, Program Sub-Committee Chair, Secretary, Vice-Chair and now Chair. Heather thinks the biggest benefit is getting to know people at other utilities and being able to share information and learn from them. *"We are always willing to help one another and it's not just Collections, it opens doors for all departments and starts great relationships with members of other specialties. There are also many opportunities for learning when you get involved in the conferences and GAWP itself. Joining a committee also provides a great opportunity for leadership opportunities. If you want to make a difference in your utility and also GAWP, starting out in a committee is the best way to get there."*



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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