

Cliffdale Road Bridge Reconstruction Project Receives APWA's Project of the Year Award

The Engineering Division of the Department of Public Works was recently informed that the Cliffdale Road Bridge Reconstruction Project has been selected as one of the American Public Works Association's *Public Works Projects of the Year* for 2004. An award ceremony will be held at the 2004 International Public Works Congress and Exposition in Atlanta, Georgia, scheduled for September 13, 2004, at which time, Mr. David Thompson, Chief Engineer, will accept a plaque for the Town of Greenwich, recognizing this achievement in the field of Public Works. The Engineering Division provided project management and construction administration services for this project.



Commissioner of Public Works, Marcos J. Madrid, and Chief Engineer, David P. Thompson, receive Public Works Project of the Year award in the category of transportation projects less than two million dollars at the 2004 International Public Works Congress and Exposition in Atlanta, Georgia on September 13, 2004 hosted by the American Public Works Association (APWA).

Shown in picture from left to right: Allen Groover (Dewberry), Marcos J. Madrid, David P. Thompson, and Tom Trice (President of APWA)

The American Public Works Association is an international, educational, and professional association of public agencies, private sectors companies, and individuals dedicated to providing high quality Public Works goods and services. It is the largest and oldest organization of its kind in the world, with 67 Chapters throughout North America, and a membership of 26,000. The APWA Public Works Project of the Year Award was established to promote excellence in the management and administration of Public Works projects. Awards are given in five categories, and in three cost divisions. The Cliffdale Road Bridge Project was submitted in the transportation project category, with a cost less than two million dollars. (Final cost = \$1.62M)

Project selection was based on several factors, including; community relations, sensitivity to existing environmental constraints, and construction under difficult physical conditions. The aesthetics of the new bridge was a primary concern of the local residents and the community. The DPW–Engineering Division and their consultant were charged with the task of developing a bridge design that was compatible with the rural and scenic nature of this unique area of the community. The Town worked closely with the residents to develop a “context sensitive design” that met all minimum design standards, as well as resident’s concerns. There were many environmental issues and permit requirements for this project. The required permits included a local Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Permit, a State DEP Flood Management Certification, and a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Permit.

The selection of the Cliffdale Road Bridge Project, as one of APWA's *Public Works Projects of the Year* for 2004, places the Department of Public Works of the Town of Greenwich, in a very elite group of winners who are recognized for their contributions and achievements in the field of Public Works.

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