

Connections

September/October 2023



U.S. Congresswoman visits Salmon Creek Treatment Plant

The District recently welcomed Congresswoman Marie Gluesenkamp Perez on a visit to the Salmon Creek Treatment Plant. During the visit, District General Manager John Peterson had the opportunity to talk about the important issues involved in managing the local and regional wastewater systems. The District's highest priority is ensuring the plant operates in a safe, reliable and cost-effective way, meeting all environmental regulations. In the current economy and environment, there are many opportunities for congressional support to help make this happen.

Priorities discussed during the site visit included:

- **Funding:** Federal support for improvements to the plant and local collection system
- **Legislation:** Helping keep wipes out of pipes
- **Workforce development:** Training the next generation to operate and maintain the wastewater system

A note from John Peterson District General Manager

It was a great honor to have Congresswoman Gluesenkamp Perez visit the facility and engage with so many of our team members. The staff were greatly encouraged by being able to interact with her. We were able to show the older equipment that the Congressional Funding request will help to replace, pending the formal federal appropriations process later this year.

Right: Congresswoman Gluesenkamp Perez talks about opportunities for congressional support with District General Manager John Peterson.

Many District staff had the opportunity to visit with Congresswoman Gluesenkamp Perez during her visit, including Cade Ledwith and Ryan Krause, two District staff who served in the U.S. Military before bringing their skillsets to the District as maintenance technicians. Ryan joined the District through the Department of Defense's SkillBridge program, which dedicated his final months of military service to training for his new position at the treatment plant.

The District is grateful for the time and support from Congresswoman Gluesenkamp Perez. The Congresswoman is supporting Congressional Funding to help pay for a variety of treatment plant improvements. She is a cosponsor of the Wastewater Infrastructure Pollution Prevention and Environmental Safety (WIPPEs) Act, which would add "Do Not Flush" labeling requirements to baby wipes and other household wipes.



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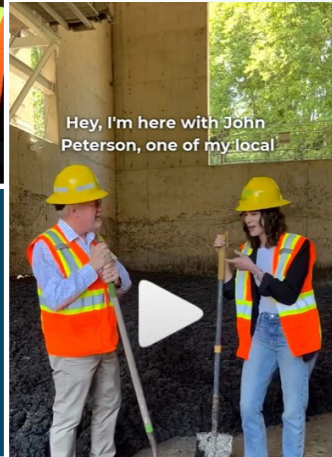
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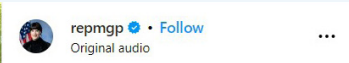
Left: District staff, Cade Ledwith and Ryan Krause, discuss workforce and career trends with Congresswoman Gluesenkamp Perez.

Did you know?

Wipes are an expensive issue for wastewater treatment providers all around the Country. Check out Congresswoman Gluesenkamp Perez talking with District General Manager John Peterson about wipes, biosolids and our local heroes.



Hey, I'm here with John Peterson, one of my local



Visit the Congresswoman's Instagram post at:

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Clean financial audit shows commitment to transparency and accountability

The State of Washington performs audits of local agencies to promote accountability, integrity and openness in government. This confirms compliance with all areas of financial reporting and that the necessary controls are in place to effectively safeguard the public's money. The District has received clean audits for 35 straight years.

Every year, the District goes a step further than required to create and make publicly available an Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) with more meaningful financial information linking current and planned activities to broad financial impacts.

2024 budget planning

Please join any of the upcoming budget public meetings:

- **Budget workshops:**
Oct. 10, 24 and Nov. 14, 2023
- **Budget hearing:**
Dec. 12, 2023
- **Board action, FY 2024 Budget:**
Dec. 26, 2023

More information

More information about the financial audit, the ACFR and budget planning: crwwd.com/about/financials.

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