



Staff Communications

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WTS Awards Gala

WTS International is committed to creating a more diverse and equitable transportation industry through the advancement of women. On April 20, the WTS Awards Gala was held to honor individuals or groups who have made outstanding contributions to the transportation industry.

This year, Tom Points, Senior Director of Public Works, was the recipient of the Honorable Ray LaHood Award for his continuing efforts toward advancing women and minorities in the transportation field. Additionally, the award recipient for Innovative Transportation Solutions Award was the Nampa Street Division's "Name That Snowplow" project. Kaitlyn Votroubek, Public Works Communications Manager, and Stephanie Baldwin, Traffic Sign Maintenance Technician, received the award on behalf of the Streets team.

The Mayor and the Public Works team was proud to represent the City of Nampa and showcase our excellent work in transportation (Exhibit A)

Nampa Water-Wise Landscape Guide

The Drought Task Force first convened in March of 2022, to mitigate the drought conditions expected during the 2022 irrigation season and any future irrigation seasons. As the group met throughout the FY22 summer, it became apparent that Nampa could do more to improve system resiliency and public outreach. One of the action items identified towards the end of the season was to provide resources that promote water conservation for residents. City staff took this to heart and conceptualized a landscape guide as a starting place for residents and developers looking for resources to conserve water.

The Nampa Water-Wise Landscape Guide will include information on the following topics:

- Landscaping Program Principles
 - Outlines the planning process; How to create what you envision
- Site Context and Characteristics
 - Site conditions to consider before starting
- Soil Improvements
 - Procedure to identify your soil type at home

- Efficient Irrigation
 - Different irrigation methods and best practices
 - City recommendation to alternate watering on even/odd days in correlation with house numbers
- Plant Selection and Use
 - Water consumption info
 - Plant and turf recommendations
- Maintenance considerations
 - Turf maintenance

The City hired Kimley Horn to complete the guide. Several stakeholder meetings were held to receive community, business, and contractor input. The following meetings were held:

1. Dec 13th, 2022: Community Stakeholder Meeting
2. Jan 10th, 2023: Developer Stakeholder Meeting
3. Feb 9th, 2023: Drought Task Force 2023 Kickoff Meeting

The final version of the Nampa Water-Wise Landscape Guidelines is included (Exhibit B). Copies of the plan were distributed to the public at the City's Irrigation Workshop, held on May 11th, 2023.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase II Upgrades Update

The Nampa Wastewater Program Phase II Upgrades Nampa Wastewater Treatment Plant update, dated April 2023, is attached for Council's review (Exhibit C).