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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mark D. Norton, Spicer Group, Inc.

Dear APWA Michigan Chapter Members,

I am honored to serve as President of the APWA Michigan Chapter at such a meaningful time in our history. This year marks the 90th anniversary of APWA Michigan, representing nine decades of service, leadership, innovation, and commitment to strengthening communities across our state.

Our organization is made up of extraordinary members whose work is essential to the health, safety, and quality of life of the people they serve. Although much of that work happens behind the scenes and often without recognition, its impact is felt every day. Thank you for your dedication and service.

As we begin the year ahead, I appreciate the opportunity to work alongside such dedicated and talented public works professionals. Our strength comes from the commitment, energy, and perspective each member brings to this organization. Together that shared knowledge and service continue to make APWA Michigan successful.

Our Chapter is supported by many engaged branch leaders, a committed Executive Committee, and dedicated volunteers who build programs that provide training, networking, and professional growth. I am grateful for the leadership that brought us here and proud to be part of an organization with such a strong foundation and clear purpose.

This year, I look forward to visiting our branches, attending meetings and events, and spending time with the people who make this organization great. I hope to listen, learn, and better understand the needs, ideas, and goals of members across Michigan as we build on the best of APWA.

APWA Michigan has many exciting opportunities ahead. Our priorities include strategic planning, stronger website and communication tools, and support for the Midwest Branch in its

effort to construct a Public Works Monument in Muskegon. These efforts honor our history while helping shape the future of the chapter.

Our Young Professionals group has been engaging the next generation of public works leaders through fun, informative, and meaningful events. These gatherings build important relationships across the many sectors that support our communities, and those connections are essential to the success of our profession.

The strategic plan will focus on strengthening membership, expanding advocacy, improving communication, and building partnerships with professional organizations across the state. By creating more opportunities for members to engage, we can increase the value of APWA membership and broaden our impact throughout Michigan.

I encourage each of you to stay involved, attend branch events, introduce yourself to someone new, and invite colleagues to learn more about APWA Michigan. There are many ways to connect, learn, and grow through APWA, including the Michigan Public Service Institute (MPSI), Michigan Advanced Public Service Institute (MAPSI), Road Scholars program, Snow Plow Operator Training (SPOT), Snow Plow Rodeo, and branch events.

I look forward to working with each of you as we carry forward the APWA mission and making a difference in the communities we serve.

Thank you for all you do for your communities, this profession, and APWA Michigan. I am excited for the year ahead and grateful for the opportunity to work with our Executive Committee, branch leaders, and members across the state. Your voice, expertise, and participation are essential to our continued success.

Sincerely,

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ANGIE MORGAN CHALLENGES GREAT LAKES EXPO ATTENDEES TO LEAD AUTHENTICALLY

One of the highlights of this year’s MI-APWA Great Lakes Expo at Boyne Mountain was the keynote presentation by Angie Morgan, former Marine Captain, leadership expert and New York Times bestselling author.

Morgan’s message centered on a concept that resonated strongly with public works professionals: becoming “The Actual” in our lives. She challenged attendees to look beyond titles and job descriptions and consider how they show up as leaders every day. Her presentation offered practical strategies for personal and professional growth while encouraging individuals to recognize their own strengths, overcome self-doubt and lead with authenticity.

Morgan’s military background and experience as a leadership expert gave her presentation both credibility and energy. Rather than presenting leadership as a one-size-fits-all formula, she encouraged attendees to understand their individual strengths and use them intentionally to influence their teams and organizations. Her approach made the subject of leadership



Morgan

accessible to everyone—from emerging professionals to experienced managers and executives.

Her message was particularly relevant to the public works profession, where leadership extends far beyond the organizational chart. Public works leaders are called upon to make decisions, build trust, communicate effectively and guide their teams through constant change. Morgan reinforced the idea that each person has the ability to make a meaningful impact, regardless of their position.

The value of Morgan’s keynote went beyond motivation. Attendees left with practical ideas they could apply in their workplaces and a renewed awareness that effective leadership begins with knowing yourself, embracing your strengths and having the confidence to lead authentically.

For the Michigan Chapter of APWA, Morgan’s presentation was an excellent fit for the Great Lakes Expo. Her message supported the Chapter’s commitment to developing the next generation of public works leaders while reminding all of us that leadership is not simply a position—it is an opportunity to make a difference.



GLX Awards Fun



Outgoing president, Jen Lawson, passes the gavel to incoming president, Mark Norton



Attendees in pink at the awards banquet



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NOAH MEHALSKI RECEIVES MI-APWA'S HIGHEST CHAPTER HONOR

The Michigan Chapter of the American Public Works Association (MI-APWA) presented its highest chapter honor, the Harold M. Hultquist Award, to Noah Mehalski, Director of Public Works for Bloomfield Township, during the Chapter's annual conference in May.

Presented in recognition of outstanding service to the Michigan Chapter, the Hultquist Award has a long and distinguished history. The award was established in 1995 to honor Harold M. Hultquist and his wife, Aileen, for their many years of dedicated volunteer service to the Chapter. For more than 25 years, Harold served as the Chapter's Secretary/Treasurer and, together with Aileen, helped organize and host the Chapter's annual spring conference in northern Michigan.

The first Hultquist Award was presented to Harold in May 1996. Since then, the award has recognized individuals whose long-term volunteer efforts have strengthened the Chapter and advanced its mission. It has become the highest recognition MI-APWA can bestow upon one of its members.

This year's recipient, Noah Mehalski, exemplifies that tradition of service.

Mehalski has been actively involved with the Michigan Chapter for approximately 15 years, contributing his time and expertise to numerous educational programs and committees. His Chapter involvement began with the fleet maintenance program, working alongside Sam Lamarato in 2011. When Lamarato stepped aside the following year, Mehalski took over the program and continued providing valuable fleet maintenance training until the program was incorporated into the annual conference in 2020.



Noah thanking the Michigan Chapter for his award.

His service continued to expand. When the Roads Scholar program was launched in 2019, Mehalski joined the planning committee, helping develop programming and serving as an instructor for the next five years. He has also been a dedicated contributor to the Chapter's Snow Plow Operators Training (SPOT) program, introduced in 2018, providing guidance to the committee and overseeing the fleet maintenance portion of the training.

Along the way, Mehalski has also stepped in to support the Chapter's Education Committee whenever needed—consistently contributing his knowledge, experience and time to help educate and strengthen Michigan's public works professionals.

As Tom Trice noted during the award presentation, the Hultquist Award recognizes the kind of “undunting work” that has long been a hallmark of the Michigan Chapter. In recognizing Mehalski, Trice also shared a fitting description from Linnea Rader: “Noah is the quiet backbone of so much.”

That quiet, steady commitment has made a lasting impact on MI-APWA and its members.

After years of teaching, mentoring, planning and volunteering behind the scenes, Noah Mehalski was honored for the contributions that have helped make the Michigan Chapter a stronger organization.

At the May annual conference, the Chapter proudly recognized Noah Mehalski as the 2026 recipient of the Harold M. Hultquist Award—a fitting tribute to a dedicated public works professional whose service embodies the spirit of the award.



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FROM FEAR TO FUNCTION: Practical AI Wins For Your Public Works Team

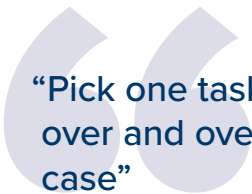
By Linnea Rader, Treasurer, MI-APWA; Finance and Human Resources Director, Van Buren County Road Commission; Founder, Lead with Linnea

Last fall, I wrote an article about facing the fear that comes with AI. Since then, I've talked to a lot of people in public works about that fear, and one question follows me out of every room: "Okay, you've convinced me. Now what do I actually DO with it?"

Fair question. Naming the fear is step one. Putting the tool to work is step two. So, here we go!

START WHERE YOU FEEL THE PAIN

Every public works agency has a stack of repetitive writing tasks nobody loves. Meeting minutes. Job descriptions. Policy updates. Email responses that all say basically the same thing in a slightly different way. That's exactly where AI earns its keep first.



“Pick one task you already do on a regular basis. Something you do over and over that’s repetitive and frankly...boring. That's your test case”

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WHAT THIS LOOKS LIKE IN REAL LIFE

At the Road Commission, here's where AI has actually shown up for us.

Hiring interviews. Record with a tool like Read AI, load the transcript, and let AI evaluate candidate answers side by side. It doesn't make the hiring decision. It gives you a clean starting point to compare notes.

Meeting notes. Use an AI app to record the meeting, transcribe it and let the AI give you the high points. Take it a step further to Board or Council Meeting minutes. Same process but upload your minutes template that you typically use and explain to your AI how detailed you want the conversation to be and how you want motions formatted. This process will get you started, then you can edit the draft to make sure they say exactly what you want.



Rader

Job descriptions. Load the existing JD, describe what the position actually does now, and let AI draft the updated version. Even easier,

have the person that does the job, talk about the actual tasks. AI will create the job description and if you want it to, create a “how to manual” to go along with it.

Email and letters. Paste the email, set the tone (professional, firm, empathetic, whatever the moment calls for), tell your AI how you to reply, and review before sending. Those emails you stare at, type a few words, delete a few words, and work far too hard at trying to word properly each time you send them...those days are gone.

News releases and social media. Give AI the what, when, where, and who's affected, and it drafts a plain language release. Want to give it

more flair or attract attention from your public? Tell your AI what your goals are and it will re-focus. Then, turn that same release into several platform ready social posts. For a small agency, that's a real time gain.

SOPs, policies, and general tasks that take time and thought, use AI as a thinking partner. Build your notes over time, then have it help you produce the final polished document. As you think of ideas, suggestions, changes, just tell your AI. It'll save all your information until you're ready to go.

THE ONE RULE THAT MATTERS MOST

Keep information that identifies individual people, like their names, social security numbers, addresses, disciplinary records, litigation details, confidential financials out of AI. None of that belongs in a free consumer AI tool. If you pay for an enterprise or government version, you may be able to, but verify with the experts first! When in doubt, leave it out.

Most importantly, remember AI drafts. It does not decide. Treat every output like a first draft from a new employee. Check it, edit it, and take ownership of what goes out the door. You are still the expert in the room.

THE FOUR-PART PROMPT

Good output starts with a good prompt. A vague prompt gets you a vague answer. If you put garbage in, you will get garbage out. Give AI these four things every time: what you want done, why it matters or the background, the input you're working from, and the output format, tone, and length you need.

Here's an example. "Draft a polite, professional response. Acknowledge receipt and explain we will look into the concern but make no commitment. We will respond within three business days." That's it. Four parts, one clear ask.

If you have the ability to talk to your AI, you can completely explain what you're after. What you have, what you want, how you want it. It's like what I talked about earlier, AI being a thought partner, you can talk your way through the prompt with your AI.

DO YOU NEED A POLICY?

Yes. Your staff are likely already using AI, with or without your blessing. A simple one-page policy sets expectations. Cover four things: which tools are approved, what data stays out, who reviews AI output before it's used, and what you disclose publicly. ICMA and APWA have published sample policies. You don't need it perfect. You need a starting point.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO FIGURE THIS OUT ALONE

This is exactly the kind of thing worth sorting out with peers. MI-GAIN, the Michigan Local Government AI User Group, exists for that reason. It's a knowledge-sharing group where local government agencies compare notes on what's working, what's not, and how to avoid the mistakes the rest of us have already made.

The group is free to join, meets virtually every other month for one hour, and presenters rotate between group members who have figured out something helpful with AI. It's not formal, it's not stuffy, it's real local governmental workers in Michigan who are working with AI and want to share their knowledge.

Any local governmental employee in Michigan can join. Take the short survey at dicemi.org/migain-survey-and-results and you'll be signed up to receive the invitation for the next session.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Pick one task this week. Try developing a prompt. Review what comes back, refine it, and share what you learned with a colleague. That's the whole formula: start small, build confidence, expand from there.

We spent the last AI article facing the fear. This time, let's put it to work.

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WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB?

I like that every day and every season is different. My responsibilities are primarily on the above ground side of public works- winter snow removal operations, concrete and asphalt restoration after a utility repair, tree and ROW maintenance, road preservation, dead animals, etc. Every job is different and every job presents different challenges and unique things that my team and I have to work through together.

TELL US ABOUT A SPECIFIC PROJECT YOU'VE WORKED ON IN YOUR COMMUNITY THAT MAKES YOU PROUD EVERY TIME YOU DRIVE PAST IT.

One of the first major restoration projects I faced after I was promoted to this position came from a 12-inch watermain break in the outfield of one of our local high school's baseball field. With the winter just ending and the team's season set to begin in March, we didn't have much time to get the restoration done before the first practice.

As soon as the weather cooperated, my crew moved quickly to regrade the field and warning track, repair the damaged fence, and laying fresh sod across the section of the outfield. This involved a lot of planning with the school and our material suppliers, as well as a lot of hard work from my guys. We were able to finish the restoration just in time for practices to begin, and the temporary fence that protected the new sod was able to be removed just in time for the home opener.

Looking back at this job, it was a demanding project, and we were under real pressure, but it showed exactly what our department can accomplish: solving problems, working together, and delivering for the community when it matters most. I'm proud of what we accomplished in such a short amount of time.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU'VE LEARNED ABOUT LEADERSHIP FROM THE PEOPLE YOU WORK WITH IN THE FIELD?

I've learned that one of the most effective ways to build a motivated crew is by asking my guys what they actually enjoy doing at work. I make it clear that preferences aren't permanent assignments, but when I understand what each person gravitates too, it becomes easier to make efficient daily work assignments.

The difference can be really noticeable. When someone is doing a task that they genuinely enjoy, the quality of work and overall morale rises. When I am able to align individual strengths and interests with the needs of our department, I can see better results and people that feel valued for more than just filling a crew.

WHAT PERCENTAGE OF YOUR WEEK IS SPENT BEHIND A COMPUTER VERSUS OUT ON A JOB SITE, AND WHICH DO YOU PREFER?

I am probably pretty close to 50/50. Some days I have a lot more to do on my computer than others, but I always at least try to get out of the office once in the morning and the afternoon.

HOW IS YOUR GENERATION OF PUBLIC WORKS PROFESSIONALS USING NEW TECHNOLOGY (GIS, SMART SENSORS, ETC.) TO MODERNIZE TRADITIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE?

Being able to pull out my phone and access our utility maps is so much faster than digging through binders in my truck and hoping our paper copy is up to date. During the winter months especially, I use our road weather information system from Frost Solutions. I can



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quickly pull up the app and see live images from some of our major intersection in our city. This eliminates countless hours of driving in just for a road check. This is extremely helpful during the weekends or during fast changing weather. Our GPS system on our trucks, FleetPaths, has become just as important. When a resident calls with a concern about snowplowing, I can look up their street and see the exact minute our truck was there. It also allows me to provide real-time progress updates to our admin team during our snow events.

MYTH-BUSTING: WHAT’S ONE COMMON MISCONCEPTION ABOUT YOUR JOB YOU’D LIKE TO CLEAR UP?

We do not prioritize one neighborhood over another. We always have reasons of why we are in one location before the next. We also do not purposely load the end of your driveway full of snow when we are plowing. We all have to go home and clear our driveways after our shift too.

WEEKEND WARRIOR: WHEN YOU AREN’T MAINTAINING THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF YOUR COMMUNITY, WHERE CAN WE FIND YOU ON A SATURDAY MORNING IN MICHIGAN?

If it's the fall, I will likely be in Ann Arbor for a Michigan football game or at home getting everything done in time to watch the game, but any other time of the year I will likely be in my barn working on a project.

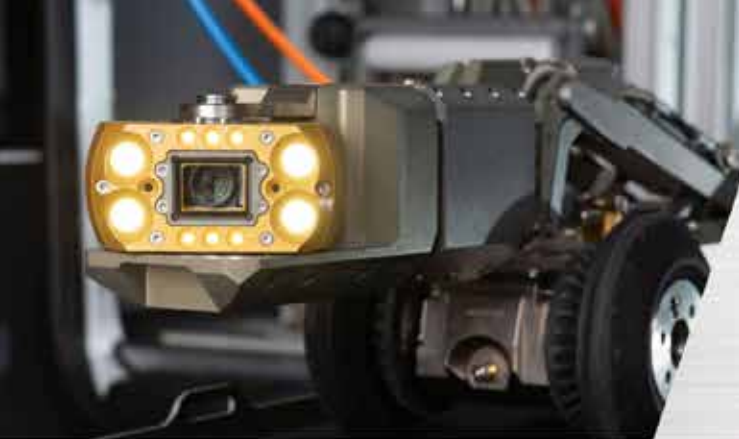


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MILL POND PARK RENOVATION CREATES A LASTING GATHERING PLACE FOR THE COMMUNITY OF FARWELL



Southern area of Mill Pond Park includes trails, one of three pavilions located at the park, a dedicated fishing pier, and kayak launch.

The Village of Farwell is a small community in Clare County. It was established in 1870 and named after Samuel Farwell, a resident of Utica, NY, a well-known contractor for the building of public works.

The community of Farwell offers a classic small-town feel. One of its shining stars is its Mill Pond Park, where residents have gathered over the years.

OVERVIEW

Mill Pond Park had the potential to be a great gathering space, but it lacked ADA-compliant amenities, including restrooms, paved parking, and lighting. There was also no dedicated launch area or access to Mill Pond for kayaking. Up to this point, the park had served as a resting point for area snowmobilers and other recreational users along the Pere Marquette Rail Trail.

Initially, the Village received funding for the dredging of Mill Pond to remove its sediment buildup. Mill Pond had an aging dam and spillway with decades of silt buildup, which had diminished its water quality and fish habitat.

With leftover funds from the dredging project, the Village realized what a revitalized park would mean for the community and hired Fleis & VandenBrink (F&V) to design and engineer a new welcoming park.

SAFETY MEASURES

The dredging and park projects were not without challenges. Several notable safety measures were employed throughout the project to keep residents away from the dredging phase and during the construction of the park.

MILL POND CONT.

Safety fencing was installed around the pond during the dredging phase to help keep the public away from the area. A dredging platform was set up and sediment was pumped into dry bags that allowed water to seep through them, filter, and safely drain back into the pond.

Traffic control devices were set at each park entry point, and pedestrian barricades were put up to deter the public from entering the site during construction.

Regular updates were shared to the public via the Village's Facebook page, website, and during council meetings.

CHALLENGES

A major challenge during the project was protecting the historic foundation discovered on site, the remnants of the former Farwell Mills factory. Operating from 1876 until it was destroyed by fire in 2003, the grist and flour mill played a pivotal role in transforming Farwell from a lumbering town into an agricultural community. When the contractor uncovered the limits of the old foundation during construction, F&V and the project team quickly and carefully modified the design to preserve this vital piece of the Village's history and avoid any further disturbance to the site.

PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements to the park include one large and two small pavilions, an ADA-accessible restroom, fishing pier, kayak launch, an ADA-universally accessible pathway loop that connects the north and south sections of the park, and paved parking at the north and south lots.



ADA accessible fishing pier at Mill Pond Park.



Mill Pond Park is a natural habitat for a variety of wildlife. There's even a sign for turtle crossings to alert trail users.

Great care was taken to preserve the wetlands that surround the park by creating dedicated pathways to reduce overall impact. Stormwater for the park is managed by bioswales and native plantings, with limited hard surfaces to promote stormwater infiltration and reduce erosion/sedimentation.

The new park also has safety lighting throughout, and site amenities such as bike loops, a bike repair station, and seating.

SUSTAINABILITY

From the earliest stages of design, sustainability guided every decision for the park's transformation. The project team prioritized environmentally responsible features that reduce long-term maintenance needs, conserve resources, and minimize the Village's overall environmental footprint. By choosing durable, sustainable materials, the Village invested in long-lasting park amenities designed to serve the community for generations with minimal replacement.

KEY SUSTAINABLE DESIGN ELEMENTS INCLUDE:

- Picnic tables made from recycled plastic materials
- LED lighting with dimming and occupancy sensors to conserve energy when not in use
- Energy-efficient plumbing and electrical fixtures in the restroom facility
- Native plantings that naturally filter stormwater runoff

- A prefabricated restroom building that limits on-site construction, reduces disturbance, and minimizes material waste
- Timber pavilions constructed from locally-sourced wood, supporting regional resources and lowering transportation impacts

The project was recognized this year with a 2026 APWA Public Works Project of the Year Award. The project, From Dredge to Destination: Reimagining Mill Pond Park, won the Quality-of-Life category, \$1 Million to \$5 Million division, honoring outstanding public works projects that promote collaboration and excellence.



The pavilion on the north side of the park is the largest of the three spaces in Mill Pond Park. This is a perfect venue for family BBQs and picnics.



Mill Pond Park features a two-stall unisex prefabricated restroom with full utilities.

“This project took several years to come to fruition.”
Tracey Jackson, President of the Village of Farwell

“This project took several years to come to fruition,” said Tracey Jackson, President of the Village of Farwell. “I was born and raised in

Farwell, so being part of a project that brings new life to a space once enjoyed by so many in our community has been incredibly meaningful. Then, to receive an award for everyone’s hard work is amazing.”

Today, visitors of all abilities can enjoy fishing, water activities, and scenic trails. This transformation was made possible through strong collaboration and open communication among the Village, the contractor, Isabella Corporation, and the engineer, F&V. Their shared commitment to communication, creativity, and community resulted in a beautifully restored natural space, one that now serves as a cornerstone of local recreation and a source of pride for the community.

“It is a pleasure to work with clients who are committed to making public spaces better for their residents and visitors,” said Brian Rowley, PE, F&V’s Project Manager. “The Village of Farwell has a strong sense of community, and we are truly honored to be part of it! It is cool to witness the project come to life with so much activity on a property that was underutilized and inaccessible for so long.”

To Farwell, the park serves as a lasting space for joy, connection, and community pride, where generations can gather for many years to come.



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Contractor: Three Rivers Corporation



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Contractor: TL Contracting, Inc.



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Contractor: Kamminga & Roodvoets



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Environment - \$5 to \$25 Million
Owner: Village of Constantine
Consultant: Fleis & VandenBrink
Contractor: Grand River Construction

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Contractor: Balkema Excavating Inc.



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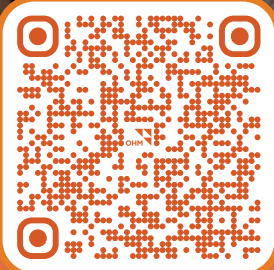
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Contractor: Davis Construction, Inc.



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This year's scholarship was awarded to Alexander Carter. For the last year Alexander has attended Grand Rapids Community College. In the fall he plans to transfer to Western Michigan University to continue his education and pursue a degree in civil engineering with an emphasis on structural. Alexander is currently an intern for the City of Grand Rapids Engineering Department where he has been able to see the different parts of project management through the work he has completed, giving him a taste of the different avenues he can go down within the engineering sector.



James Hurt presenting Alexander with his scholarship check



Alexander with members of the Midwest Branch

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