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Minnesota Rural Water Association presents Achievement Award for Larger Systems to the City of Prinsburg.

The Achievement Award for Larger Systems. The criteria for the Achievement Award is for a system and/or person who has applied innovative ideas, inventions or procedures that has benefited the operation of a public water/wastewater systems and/or its customers.

Their story begins like many communities; the city of Prinsburg has a sewer system that did not meet standards. So in 2006 after many years of planning, they built their treatment plant to treat around 15,000 to 25,000 gallons per day. But the city felt it was a waste to send the clean treated wastewater out into a ditch and not use it.

In 2009 after many months of planning, their permit was revised and an agreement was reached with the Farmers Co-op to use the effluent for crop spraying. The Farmers Co-op really likes the chlorinated wastewater effluent for spraying because it keeps their sprayers cleaner and it does a better job of killing weeds.

The benefit is not having to pump millions of gallons of water out of their aquifer for crop spraying. The city has fewer costs for water pumping, reduced wastewater discharge and loading to the receiving ditch. It is a win win situation for the City, Co-op, and farmers. The city of Prinsburg does not talk about reuse, going green, or conservation, they say it was just the right thing to do.

The Minnesota Rural Water Association Board of directors and staff would like to congratulate the 2010 Achievement award winner, the City of Prinsburg. Congratulations!

