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# 2026 Illinois Section ASCE
# Annual Awards Dinner

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
Chicago – Magnificent Mile
October 1, 2026

# PROGRAM

**COCKTAIL HOUR**

Welcome . . . . . Monica Crinion,
AECOM

2026-2027 ASCE IL Section Officer Installation . Megan McDonald
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Incoming Illinois Section President's Address. . .Kris Salvatera
Primera Engineers

US Route 66 Centennial. . . . . Brian Pawula
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**DINNER**

Recognition of Sponsors and Guests . . . . . Colleen Miller
SINGH & Associates, Inc.

Presentation of Life Members. . . . . .Megan McDonald
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Presentation of 2026 Award Presenters

Young Civil Engineer of the Year. . . . . Jeremy Metz
CMT

Civil Engineer of the Year. . . . . Anne Sheahan
HNTB

Young Gov Civil Engineer of the Year. . .Ken Mielke
KDOT

Gov Civil Engineer of the Year . . . . . Lora Rensing
IDOT

Citizen Engineer of the Year. . . . . Danielle Hightire
Pinpoint Precision Engineering

Construction Engineer of the Year . . . . Lora Rensing
IDOT

Outstanding Civil Engineering
Achievement, under $10 Million . . . . . Katie Bell
CCDOTH

Outstanding Civil Engineering
Achievement, $10-25 Million. . . . . Katie Bell
CCDOTH

Sustainability in Civil Engineering
Achievement Award . . . . . John Caruso
CBBEL

Outstanding Civil Engineering
Achievement, $25-100 Million. . . . . .Nathan Roseberry
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Outstanding Civil Engineering
Achievement, over $100 Million. . . . . Michael McMurray
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GFT

Evening Music Performance . . . . . Caitlyn Vos
Illinois Tech

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Mohsen Issa, PhD, Faculty Advisor
Cody Gastel (GFT), Practitioner Advisor

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Professor Eric Garcia, Faculty Advisor
Kris Salvatera (Primera Engineers, Ltd), Practitioner Advisor

# Music Performance
# Caitlyn Vos – Cellist, Treasurer of ASCE Illinois Tech

Caitlyn Vos is a 4th year Architectural Engineering and Construction Engineering & Management student at the Illinois Institute of Technology (Illinois Tech). ASCE members may know her as the Treasurer of the Illinois Tech chapter, the co-captain of Illinois Tech's Steel Bridge team, the recipient of the ASCE-IL Section Utility Engineering & Surveying Institute's 2026 Scholarship.

In between her engineering classes, Caitlyn connects with her community through music. She is studying to earn a minor in music at VanderCook College of Music, playing the cello for 12 years. She enjoys performing in the pit orchestra for community theatres in the Chicago suburbs, and most recently performed with GRAMMY award winning artist Matt B to close out Millennium Park's Summer Concert Series. She also teaches beginner strings with the Hyde Park Suzuki Institute, incorporating her Project Management skills to develop room schedules, teachers' hours, and business organization, helping rebuild after the pandemic.

Whether you find Caitlyn in a concert hall or out on a job site, she is eager to learn and see how the buildings we live in work the way that they do, and learn from all who makes it happen.

# 2025 – 2026
# RECOGNITION OF SERVICE – ILLINOIS SECTION

The 18 - person Illinois Section Board consists of the Executive Committee (Past President, President, President - Elect, Treasurer and Secretary), six Directors, and the chairs of the seven Technical Institutes/Groups. With the Institutes providing much of our technical programming, the various 21 Committees carry out the many of the operations, communications, outreach, and other focus areas within the Illinois Section.

If you are interested in becoming more involved, please check out our website: www.isasce.org .

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Colleen Miller & Josh Starzyk, *Annual Dinner Co-Chairs*
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# 2026 – 2027
# INCOMING SECTION BOARD

The Illinois Section (IS) has a strong history of leadership and welcomes any member to run for open Boad positions. The 18-person Illinois Section Board consists of the Executive Committee (Past President, President, President-Elect, Treasurer and Secretary), six Directors, and the chairs of the seven Technical Institutes/Groups. The requirements and election process for each position stated in the IS Bylaws.

Each year in the spring, per the IS Bylaws, a Nominations Committee is formed to identify and select nominees for open board positions, which includes the President-Elect (1-year term with automatic transition to President), either Secretary or Treasurer (alternating 2-year terms), and three Directors (2-year term). The Nominations Committee presents their nominee recommendations to the IS Board, which is then voted on and presented to IS-Membership a minimum of three months prior to the annual meeting. A petition period is then initiated for any IS member(s) to run for any of the open board positions, and then a vote is solicited from membership to elect the candidate for that position. If no petitions are filed, the IS Board declares the nominees for the non-contested positions elected.

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Hugh Regan, HNTB, *Director to 2027*
Kat Au, Jacobs, *Director to 2028*
Thierno Kane, Geosyntec Consultants, *Director to 2028*
Gary Gifford, Egis, USA, Inc, *Director to 2028*

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Francisco Martinez Acosta, Hanson, *Environmental & Water Resources Institute*
Ryan Cummings, Power Construction, *Geo-Institute*
Michael Barahona, HDR, Inc, *Structural Engineering Institute*
Matt Cave, Jacobs, *Transportation & Development Institute*
Rebecca Cramer, Hazen and Sawyer, *Utility Engineering & Surveying Institute*
Trevor Cannon, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., *Younger Member Group*

# 2026-2027 ILLINOIS SECTION OFFICERS

## President – Kris Salvatera, P.E,

Kris Salvatera is a Senior Aviation Engineer and Project Manager with Primera Engineers, Ltd., bringing in more than 15 years of experience delivering complex transportation and aviation infrastructure projects. Early in his career, Kris provided multi-phased engineering services for major transportation agencies, including the Illinois Tollway and the Illinois Department of Transportation. Over the past decade, Kris has specialized in aviation infrastructure design and construction, contributing to capital improvement programs at Chicago O'Hare International Airport and numerous general aviation airport projects throughout Illinois.

An active member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) for more than 15 years, Kris began his involvement as a student leader at the University of Illinois Chicago, where he served as Student Conference Chair. Within the Illinois Section of ASCE, he has held numerous leadership roles, including Treasurer, Director, Student Outreach Chair, Practitioner Advisor for Northwestern University, and other positions within both the Transportation & Development Institute (T&DI) and Younger Member Group (YMG). In recognition of his professional and community contributions, Kris received the IS-ASCE Citizen Engineer of the Year Award in 2018.

Kris resides in Chicago's South Loop with his wife, Tracey. Together, they enjoy traveling and exploring diverse cultures and cuisines.

## Past President – Monica Crinion, P.E.

Monica Crinion is a Project Manager with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. in Chicago, IL. She has over 18 years of experience in transportation infrastructure improvements including planning and design engineering services for Municipal, County, Illinois Tollway, and IDOT projects. Her background in both State and Local Road projects includes structural design, geometrics, safety analysis, utility conflict mitigation and relocation, and coordination on environmental project elements. Monica received her Bachelor of Science degree in Civil & Environmental Engineering from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) and Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). She is a licensed Professional Engineer in Illinois and Michigan.

Ms. Crinion joined ASCE post college as a young engineer interested in connecting with her peers and promoting diversity in engineering through STEM outreach. The core of her involvement in ASCE has always been centered around inspiring students of all backgrounds to consider a career in Civil Engineering. Within the Illinois Section she has volunteered on the Outreach Committee since 2010, been active in the Younger

Member Group (including YMG Director in 2016), served as a Director for the IL Section from 2018-2020, and was even selected as the IL Section's Young Civil Engineer of the Year Award in 2016. On the Society level of ASCE, Monica served on the Committee on Pre-College Outreach (CPO) from 2018-2022 and was the 2021-2022 Chair of the subcommittee focused on Student Transition and Younger Member Retention (STYMR) within ASCE.

## President Elect – Tom Borges, P.E.

Mr. Borges is the Illinois Transportation Design Manager at Bloom Companies, LLC. He has over 15 years of transportation engineering experience including both planning and design of roadway and bridge infrastructure improvement projects throughout Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) in 2011 and is a licensed Professional Engineer in Illinois, Minnesota, and Massachusetts.

Mr. Borges has been actively involved with the Illinois Section for over 12 years, having served a variety of roles on the local Transportation and Development Institute (T&DI) board including Student Outreach Chair, Scholarship Chair, Programs Chair, and Chair. Mr. Borges first served on the Illinois Section Board as a Director (2017-2019) and then as Secretary (2024-2026), along with serving as Chair of the Membership Committee from 2020 to 2024. He was also lucky enough to be part of the Section's Centennial Anniversary Committee from 2015 to 2016.

Mr. Borges lives in Clarendon Hills with his wife, Emily, sons Tommy (3.5) and Joey (1.5), and beabull, Bailey (13). In his spare time, he loves to cook, garden, watch movies and go on long walks with the family.

## Secretary – Tina Revzin, S.E., P.E.

Tina Revzin, S.E., P.E. is a Bridge Group Leader and Project Manager with GFT in their Chicago, IL office. Over the last 16 years, she has had a wide variety of experience with structural design, inspection, rehabilitation, construction engineering, and alternative delivery methods for highway, transit, rail, pedestrian, and waterfront projects. Tina thrives on diverse and complex projects and environments that challenge her to continually learn and grow. Tina holds a Bachelor's of Science in Civil Engineering and a Master's of Engineering in High-Performance Structures from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She is also a licensed Professional Engineer (PE) and Structural Engineer (SE) in Illinois.

Tina is passionate about bringing together diverse transportation and engineering professionals, both at work and through professional organizations. She started with ASCE while in college as part of the Steel Bridge Team and has been an active member ever since. With the Younger Member Group, she has held the director positions of Communications, Social Events, and Outreach, and served as Chair. As a Director for the IL Section from 2022-2023, Tina served on the Awards and Student Outreach Committees. Tina is also actively involved in the WTS Greater Chicago Chapter on the Scholarship Committee, looking for more ways to financially support women entering the transportation industry.

Outside of work, Tina, her husband, and four-year-old daughter enjoy traveling the world, exploring new foods, cooking/baking, and playing board games.

## Treasurer – Jeana Gowin, P.E., CFM

Jeana Gowin is a Senior Project Manager with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. She has over 20 years of experience in water resources planning, design, and permitting for both private development and government agencies. She is a graduate of the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign and is a Professional Engineer in Illinois, a Certified Floodplain Manager, and is a Certified Professional in Stormwater Quality.

She became involved in ASCE through the Environmental Water Resources Institute (EWRI) where she served as Chair from 2019-2020. She enjoys mentoring younger engineers (both current and future) and encourages everyone to get involved as early as possible. She lives in the North Center neighborhood of Chicago with her husband Michael and their son Benjamin.

## Director to 2027 – Jimmy Canning, P.E., CFM, ENV SP

Jimmy is a Project Manager with Strand Associates, Inc., in Joliet, IL. He has over 8 years of experience in municipal engineering including planning, design, and construction-related services for a wide variety of civil engineering projects. Jimmy's experience ranges from stormwater management to local roadway reconstruction to streambank restoration. He received his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Saint Louis University and his Master of Science in Civil & Environmental Engineering from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Jimmy is a licensed Professional Engineer in Illinois, a Certified Floodplain Manager in Illinois, and an Envision Sustainability Professional.

Mr. Canning joined ASCE in undergrad, serving on the executive board and captaining the steel bridge team. As a professional, he joined the Environmental & Water Resources Institute (EWRI) Chicago Chapter, serving a 5-year term on the executive board before joining the Section leadership. He contributed to the 2022 Illinois

Infrastructure Report Card and is helping write the 2027 Report Card, and he serves on the planning committee for Future City. Jimmy lives in Chicago with his wife Samantha.

## Director to 2027 – Hugh Regan, P.E.

Hugh Regan is a Transportation Section Manager with HNTB Corporation. in Chicago, IL. He has over 13 years of experience in transportation engineering including planning and design engineering services for IDOT, CDOT, and INDOT projects. His focus has been on the geometric design of state and local highways. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in Illinois and Indiana.

After college, Hugh joined ASCE to meet other engineers interested in civil engineering's impact on local initiatives. He joined the board of the Younger Members Group in 2020, served as the YMG chair in 2024 and as the Membership Chair for the IL Section in 2025.

## Director to 2027 – Joshua Starzyk, P.E.

Joshua Starzyk, a licensed Professional Engineer in Illinois, is employed as a Civil Engineer with GFT. Mr. Starzyk has been utilizing B.I.M. to facilitate the planning, design and construction of highway, tollway, utility, railway and aviation projects around Chicago and the Midwest for the past decade. Serving as a director to the Illinois Section of ASCE (ISASCE) and a long-standing member of their Transportation and Development Group, Mr. Starzyk enjoys promoting the field of civil engineering to communities and especially enjoys mentoring aspiring engineers of all ages.

Passionate about Chicago, Mr. Starzyk uses his free time to walk around the city and gawk about Chicago's infrastructure to his wife Renee, as they make their way to their favorite restaurants.

## Director to 2028 – Gary Gifford, P.E., CFM

Gary Gifford is a Transportation Drainage Engineer with Egis specializing in water resources, roadway drainage, and stormwater management. He has more than seven years of professional experience supporting transportation and infrastructure projects throughout Illinois. His work includes hydrologic and hydraulic modeling, roadway drainage design, stormwater management, erosion and sediment control, and permitting for a variety of state, county, municipal, and Illinois Tollway projects. Gary received his Bachelor of Science in Civil & Environmental Engineering from the University of Iowa. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in Illinois and a Certified Floodplain Manager.

Mr. Gifford has been actively involved with the American Society of Civil Engineers through the Illinois Section's Environmental & Water Resources Institute (EWRI). He is a Past Chair of the Illinois Section EWRI, where he helped lead the institute's

professional programming, technical seminars and workshops, networking events, and student scholarship initiatives. Through his involvement with EWRI, Gary worked to connect water resources professionals throughout the Chicago area and provide opportunities for continuing education and professional development.

Gary lives downtown in Chicago's Wicker Park neighborhood. Outside of engineering, Gary enjoys traveling, snowboarding, staying active, and spending time with friends and family.

## Director to 2028 – Katherine Au, P.E.

Katherine (Kat) Au is a materials manager/quality assurance professional with 18 years of experience in the transportation industry. Over her 18 years of experience, she has had the opportunity to work on multiple projects and programs with various clients including IDOT, the Illinois Tollway, CDOT, and other local agencies.

She received her B.S. In Civil Engineer from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Kat joined ASCE IL Section's Construction Institute 2020 and joined the CI board in 2021.

Kat is passionate about giving back to the community. She started the Illinois Asian American Civil Engineers, is the regional coordinator for Future City Illinois and is a member on the IDFPR Professional Engineering board.

Outside of work, Kat likes to spend her time at CrossFit classes, yoga classes, traveling, golfing or scuba diving.

## Director to 2028 – Thierno I. Kane, Ph.D., P.E., M.ASCE

Thierno Kane is a project engineer with over six years of experience in Geosyntec's Oak Brook, Illinois office. He received his bachelor's (2012), master's (2013), and Ph.D. (2019) degrees in civil and environmental engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and is a licensed professional engineer in Illinois. Thierno's project portfolio includes waste management, litigation support, renewable energy, site development, and slope instrumentation and monitoring. His expertise in geotechnical engineering includes landslide movement, slope stability, field investigation, laboratory testing and analyses, and shear strength and consolidation of soils. In his current role, he is responsible for developing geotechnical solutions related to site characterization of landfills, construction dewatering, static and seismic instability of slopes, shallow foundation design, and design of temporary and permanent retaining walls.

Thierno chaired the ASCE Illinois Section Geo-Institute (G-I) in 2024-2025, following three years of service on the board, and participated in the 2025-2026 ASCE mentorship program.

# 2026

# ILLINOIS SECTION ASCE AWARD WINNERS

The ASCE Illinois Section Awards Committee is comprised of one Director and a representative from each of the six technical Institutes and Younger Member Group.

**Congratulations to our 2026 Class**

# YOUNG CIVIL ENGINEER OF THE YEAR
## Ryan Cummings

Ryan Cummings, EIT is a Manager - Strategic Partnerships with Power Construction and a civil engineering professional with more than 12 years of experience spanning construction management, project delivery, business development, and strategic growth initiatives. A graduate of Illinois Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, Ryan has managed the successful delivery of 48 construction projects totaling more than $68 million in value across higher education, transportation, healthcare, institutional, and commercial markets.

Ryan is an active leader within the American Society of Civil Engineers, having served as Chair of the Illinois Section Younger Member Group, Treasurer of the Illinois Section Geo-Institute, Corresponding Member of the ASCE National Committee on Younger Members, and Committee Chair for the ASCE Central Region Younger Member Council. He is passionate about developing future engineers through mentorship, educational outreach, and volunteer service.

Beyond ASCE, Ryan serves as Treasurer for Future City Illinois, mentors engineering students, volunteers with STEM education programs, and is Managing Principal of Cummings Fleming Development. He is dedicated to connecting engineers, owners, contractors, students, and community leaders here in the Illinois Section; while advancing the civil engineering profession through leadership, service, and collaboration.

# CIVIL ENGINEER OF THE YEAR
## Jim Mayer, P.E.

Jim Mayer, PE, is a program manager and associate vice president at HNTB with more than 23 years of experience in transportation infrastructure design, construction and program management. Since joining HNTB in 2003, he has helped advance transformative transportation investments across the Midwest, with much of his career focused on supporting the Illinois Tollway's capital programs.

Mayer currently serves as Program Manager for HNTB in support of the Tollway's Move Illinois, Bridging the Future and Driving Connections capital programs, guiding work that enhances mobility, improves safety and strengthens regional connectivity. His experience includes leadership roles on major Illinois projects, including the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway reconstruction, Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project, I-294/I-57 Interchange Improvements Project and Central Tri-State Tollway reconstruction.

Beyond individual projects, Mayer has advanced innovative program-delivery practices, helped plan and launch major capital programs, expanded opportunities for small and disadvantaged businesses and supported transportation investments that strengthen communities throughout Illinois. He is also committed to mentoring emerging engineering professionals and is active in regional and national industry organizations, including ASCE, ACEC, IRTBA and IBTTA.

Mayer earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering with a minor in business administration from Marquette University and is a licensed professional engineer in Illinois. Originally from the Green Bay, Wisconsin area, Jim and his wife, Rachel, have called Joliet home since 2008, where they are raising their 8-year-old daughter, Harper. His family has been a constant source of support throughout his career and remains central to his life outside engineering.

# YOUNG GOVERNMENT CIVIL ENGINEER OF THE YEAR
## Eduardo Jimenez Jr.

Eduardo Jimenez Jr, is a Construction Engineer with the Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT). He has over 6 years of experience overseeing a variety of projects including new single span bridge structures and culvert rehabilitations ensuring engineering plans are executed accurately and safely. Mr. Jimenez has been an active ASCE member since college.

For the past three years, Eduardo has served as the Outreach Director for the American Society of Civil Engineers – Illinois Section Young Member Group. In this role, Eduardo has continued to provide volunteer opportunities for members and to show the importance of contributing to community service through various efforts, including K-12 events. One of those efforts is volunteering as a judge for various competitions. He has also created and organized activities that help children learn about engineering from different perspectives and explore the various phases of the engineering process.

Eduardo graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) with a Bachelor of Civil Engineering, where Eduardo not only gained academic knowledge, but also learned the importance of participating beyond what is called for as a student, as he participated in competitions, events, and meetings during his years at the university while attending to his studies.

# GOVERNMENT CIVIL ENGINEER OF THE YEAR
## José Ríos, P.E.

In January of 2021, Mr. José Rios was appointed Region One Engineer for the Illinois Department of Transportation, Region One in Schaumburg. As Region One Engineer, José leads approximately 1200 employees who handle high profile and multifaceted projects in a region that includes one of the largest metropolitan areas in the country, consisting of six counties, over 270 municipalities and 100 townships. The state highway system in Region One encompasses more than 2700 miles of highways and more than 1440 bridges. The overall responsibility of the position is to operate, maintain, and build a safe and efficient highway system that enhances safety and the quality of life of its users by reducing congestion and increasing mobility.

José has 28 years of experience and has been with the Department for 26 years. José has served in several positions within the Department in Region One. These positions included In-house Design Engineer, Land Acquisition Condemnation Engineer, Land Acquisition Bureau Chief, Program Development Engineer, and Operations Engineer.

José earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Puerto Rico Mayagüez. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Illinois and served six years with the Puerto Rico Air National Guard, receiving an honorable discharge at the end of his service.

# CITIZEN ENGINEER OF THE YEAR
## Michael Bempah, P.E.

Michael Bempah, P.E., is the President of Pinpoint Scholars Foundation and a powerhouse in civil engineering with a career spanning over 16 dynamic years. His journey began on Chicago's South Side, in the Englewood Community—a backdrop where systemic barriers often overwhelm ambition. But Michael didn't just survive those challenges; he conquered them, leveraging his technical mastery and professional success to forge a critical pathway for the next generation.

Now, he is channeling his 16+ years of engineering acumen—from massive infrastructure projects to strategic planning—directly into his passion: delivering equitable access to STEM education and careers for our youth. Michael recognizes that while many excellent STEM organizations exist, the goal of Pinpoint Scholars Foundation is to identify and provide the missing elements that truly bridge the gap between potential and opportunity. The Foundation strengthens key partnerships and is strategically designed to be a prominent stage, ensuring youth not only have a seat at the table but are equipped to lead the conversation. Michael Bempah is not just building infrastructure; he is building a powerful future for young innovators.

# CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING PERSON OF THE YEAR
## Jonathan M. Schumacher, P.E.

Jonathan Schumacher, P.E., serves as Bureau Chief of Construction for the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) – District 1, where he provides leadership for the delivery of transportation construction projects throughout the six-county Chicago metropolitan area. In this role, he oversees a team of engineers, technicians, and construction professionals responsible for construction inspection, contract administration, quality assurance, and project delivery.

After graduating from Purdue University in 2000, Jon joined IDOT full-time in 2001 and has more than two decades of experience in transportation engineering and construction. Prior to assuming his current position in 2020, he served as Area Construction Supervisor for Lake and McHenry Counties, overseeing the construction of numerous transportation improvement projects and working closely with contractors, consultants, local agencies, and other stakeholders.

As Bureau Chief, Jon has played a key leadership role in delivering some of the Chicago region's most significant and complex transportation projects, including major improvements to the Kennedy Expressway, the Jane Byrne Interchange, and the reconstruction of the I-80 corridor through Will County. His leadership reflects a commitment to safety, quality, innovation, and efficient project delivery while addressing the unique challenges of constructing critical infrastructure in a highly developed urban environment.

Jon is also committed to advancing the transportation engineering profession through his involvement with the ASCE Construction Institute National Board of Governors. His career with IDOT reflects a dedication to public service, professional leadership, and the continued improvement of Illinois' transportation infrastructure.

# SUSTAINABILITY IN CIVIL ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT
## Large Diameter Combined Sewer Rehabilitation
## Village of Lombard

The Village of Lombard, in partnership with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. (CBBEL) and Vortex Lining Systems, rehabilitated 2.1 miles of a century-old, 90- to 108-inch combined sewer interceptor buried up to 40 feet below grade beneath a regional park, nature trail, residential neighborhoods, a commercial corridor, and two major highways. Through an innovative internal bypass system and spray-applied structural geopolymer lining, the project rehabilitated the interceptor without open-cut excavation or a single service interruption. The trenchless approach substantially reduced construction impacts, including excavation, trucking, material consumption, surface restoration, and environmental disruption, while providing an estimated 75-year extension of service life.

Delivered with more than $15 million in IEPA State Revolving Fund financing, the project was completed on schedule, 10.3% under the CIP construction budget, and 1.9% below the awarded contract amount. The project demonstrates how data-driven engineering, lifecycle asset management, and innovative trenchless rehabilitation can provide sustainable and resilient renewal of critical infrastructure while minimizing impacts to the surrounding community and environment.

# OUTSTANDING CIVIL ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT UNDER $10 MILLION

## Green Bay Road
## City of Evanston

The Green Bay Road Corridor Improvements project exemplifies the transformative impact of civil engineering when safety, mobility, and community enhancement objectives are addressed through an integrated approach. By modernizing infrastructure including sidewalks, traffic signals, street lighting, and bicycle parking, upgrading transit facilities, and improving accessibility, the project has created a safer, more connected corridor for all users. The project replaced non-complaint steps in the northwest corner of Green Bay Road and Central with ADA compliant multi-level ramps with railings. Traffic signal improvements include leading westbound left turns to accommodate heavy traffic and emergency vehicles. This achievement reflects not only engineering excellence, but also the successful collaboration of the City of Evanston, IDOT, transit agencies, local businesses, schools, and community stakeholders whose shared vision created lasting benefits that will serve Evanston, its residents, commuters, and visitors for generations to come.

# OUTSTANDING CIVIL ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT
# $10-$25 MILLION
# IL-59 Pedestrian Bridge
# Village of Streamwood

The IL 59 Pedestrian Bridge and Trail Improvements project represents a transformative investment in public safety, community connectivity, and sustainable infrastructure for the Village of Streamwood. For decades, IL 59 created a nearly one-mile barrier between neighborhoods, schools, parks, and businesses, forcing pedestrians and bicyclists to navigate a high-speed four-lane state highway without a safe crossing opportunity. The project eliminated this critical safety gap by delivering the community's first fully ADA-compliant, grade-separated crossing that removes pedestrian-vehicle conflicts and provides a safe, direct connection between key destinations.

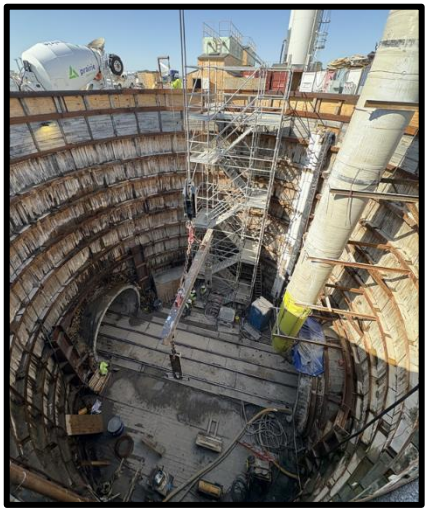
The project includes a signature steel truss pedestrian bridge and an elevated concrete boardwalk system that traverse environmentally sensitive wetlands and floodplain areas while minimizing impacts to the surrounding landscape. Innovative design solutions balanced constructability, environmental stewardship, durability, and long-term maintenance needs, resulting in a resilient and sustainable transportation asset for the community.

Funded through a collaborative multi-agency partnership, the project serves as both critical infrastructure and a visible community gateway. By improving safety, expanding multimodal mobility, and reconnecting areas long divided by a major state highway, the IL 59 Pedestrian Bridge and Trail Improvements project delivers lasting value to Streamwood residents and visitors alike.

# OUTSTANDING CIVIL ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT
# $25-$100 MILLION
# N. Milwaukee Ave., Logan to Belmont
# CDOT – Highway Section

Milwaukee Avenue, Logan Boulevard to Belmont Avenue Project represents the fifth segment of CDOT's transformation of Milwaukee Avenue into a safer, more accessible, and multimodal corridor. Including the historic Logan Square traffic circle, the project reimagined roadway space to improve traffic operations, enhance walking and biking connections, and create new public gathering spaces, including the revitalized Logan Square and La Placita. Extensive community engagement helped shape a design that reflects local priorities and strengthens neighborhood identity. Already serving as a successful venue for the Logan Square Farmers Market and other community activities, the project represents an outstanding achievement in urban transportation engineering that will benefit Chicago residents for generations to come.

# OUTSTANDING CIVIL ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT
# Over $100 MILLION
# South Conveyance Storm Sewer
# Chicago Department of Aviation



Located approximately 50 feet below the active airfield at O'Hare International Airport (ORD), the South Conveyance Storm Sewer is a critical component of the Chicago Department of Aviation's (CDA) ORD Next capital improvement program. The project features a massive 14.5-foot-diameter precast segmentally lined storm tunnel extending 1.5 miles beneath two active runways and several taxiways. This underground system conveys stormwater away from the central airfield where new satellite concourses are being constructed, helping protect the nation's aviation crossroads for decades to come.

The tunnel was constructed with a 17-foot-diameter, 400-foot-long Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) through challenging glacial soils while aircraft continued taking off and landing overhead. During excavation, the TBM installed 1,588 precast concrete rings, each made of six discrete segments, totaling more than 9,500 segments and providing an internal finished diameter of 14.5 feet. Installed with millimeter-level precision, each ring provided immediate ground support while serving as the tunnel's permanent final liner.

Designed for Chicago's most intense storms, the tunnel can store up to 9.8 million gallons of water, equivalent to 15 Olympic swimming pools, and conveys stormwater at a rate of about 2,600 cubic feet per second. The project was delivered using the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) method, enabling early contractor involvement during planning and design. This collaborative approach allowed the team to evaluate solutions, mitigate risks and minimize impacts to existing airport infrastructure while maintaining uninterrupted airport operations.

# 2027
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## Kurt R. Hoigard, P.E., F.ASTM, SECB, M.ASCE

Mr. Hoigard is a nationally recognized expert in building structure and exterior enclosure systems. He received BSCE and MSCE degrees from Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago and has been with the structural, architectural, forensics, and testing firm Raths, Raths & Johnson, Inc. for more than 40 years. Having started his career as a Laboratory Engineer, he currently serves as the firm's President and Senior Principal. He is licensed in 40 jurisdictions and specializes in the investigation and repair of distressed and deteriorated buildings and structures and the performance of building materials and systems. Mr. Hoigard consults in the areas of preconstruction peer review, construction quality assurance, in-service deterioration, failure analysis, and repair. With numerous publications and presentations to his name, Mr. Hoigard has been honored by ASTM International with both the ASTM Award of Merit and the Daniel Kessler Award for contributions to the development of standards for dimension stone use in construction. His extensive experience investigating distressed and deteriorated buildings and structures with symptoms ranging from leakage to complete collapse have earned him recognition within the legal community as a skilled expert, with recognition in the Construction division of Who's Who Legal for ten years running. Mr. Hoigard is frequently asked to serve as an expert witness in complex court cases involving deficient structural and building enclosure performance.

## Joe Johnson, PMP, PE

Joe is Vice President and Principal Project Manager with Stantec who has worked for more than 40 years with municipal clients to plan and implement water supply, stormwater management, and wastewater management projects. He is currently serving as a member of the Stantec Team working to deliver the Grand Prairie Water Commission's $1.5 billion Alternative Water Source Program.

After receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Notre Dame and a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of California, Davis, Joe began his career in Chicago with Harza Engineering Company, working in its developing municipal engineering group. Early experiences included municipal stormwater and water system master planning, hydraulic modeling, and involvement in the Lake Michigan Water Allocation update program. As a project engineer and project manager, Joe had opportunities to work with clients locally, in other parts of the US, and overseas (Venezuela, Panama, Turkey, Gaza/West Bank, Jordan, Saudi Arabia). Over time, Harza evolved to become Harza Environmental Services, Montgomery Watson Harza (MWH), and eventually Stantec. Other highlights of Joe's experience include leading more than 40 master planning assignments and participating in major area projects including Chicago's Combined Sewer System Master Plan, the Rockford Water System Rehabilitation Program, and the Albany Park Stormwater Diversion Tunnel.

Joe got involved with the Illinois Section early in his career through the Minority Affairs Committee and later served as a Director, Treasurer, President-Elect, President, and Past President of the section. He is the proud father of three sons, Tom, Michael, and Brian and lives with his wife Carolyn in Elmwood Park, Illinois.

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| 1995-96 | John Carrato |
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| 1998-99 | Christopher B. Burke |
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| 2016-17 | John Lazzara |
| 2017-18 | Dhooli Raj |
| 2018-19 | John Green |
| 2019-20 | Megan McDonald |
| 2020-21 | Brian Pawula |
| 2021-22 | Andrew Walton |
| 2022-23 | Sandra Homola |
| 2023-24 | Matt Huffman |
| 2024-25 | Thomas Janicke |
| 2026-27 | Monica Crinion |

# ILLINOIS SECTION PAST AWARD WINNERS

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AWARD

1990 Transportation Division and Minority Student Program Committee
1993 Urban Planning & Development Division and UIC Student Chapter
1994 Transportation Division
1995 Environmental Engineering & Water Resources Group
1996 Associate Member Forum
1997 Younger Member Group
1998 Environmental Engineering & Water Resources Group
2001 Environmental Engineering & Water Resources Group
2002 Younger Member Group
2003 150th Anniversary Committee
2004 Environmental Engineering & Water Resources Group
2008 Environmental Engineering & Water Resources Group
2010 Younger Member Group
2012 Structural Engineering Institute
2013 Younger Member Group
2014 Transportation and Development Institute
2023 Younger Member Group
2024 Younger Member Group

## PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYER RECOGNITION AWARD

1994 HNTB Corporation
1995 Rust Environmental & Infrastructure
1996 Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc.
1997 Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.
1999 HNTB Corporation
2000 Alfred Benesch & Company
2002 Consoer Townsend Envirodyne Engineers, Inc.
2003 Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.
2004 STS Consultants Inc.
2005 HDR, Inc.
2009 Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.
2011 Patrick Engineering Inc.
2013 HDR, Inc.
2014 Parsons Brinckerhoff
2015 Thomas Engineering Group, LLC
2016 Primera Engineers, Ltd.
2017 Jacobs
2018 Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.
2019 EXP
2020 Michael Baker International, Inc.
2021 Gannett Fleming, Inc.
2022 Alfred Benesch & Company
2023 Stanley Consultants

## PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYER RECOGNITION AWARD

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| 1994 | Village of Arlington Heights |
| 1995 | Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago |

## CITIZEN ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

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|---|---|
| 1990 | John P. Gnaedinger |
| 1991 | Niranjan S. Shah |
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| 1997 | Richard J. Nogaj |
| 1999 | Donald Eckmann |
| 2001 | Walter Linzing |
| 2004 | Karl D. Fry |
| 2005 | Frank L. Kudrna, Jr. |
| 2006 | Erskine Klyce |
| 2007 | Rod A. Beadle |
| 2008 | Michael T. Ungeran |
| 2009 | Don Wittmer |
| 2010 | Lawrence Novak |
| 2011 | Patrick Lach |
| 2012 | Frank Avila |
| 2013 | Mohsen Javadi |
| 2014 | Scott Eshleman |
| 2015 | Thomas Nagle |
| 2016 | Wilber C. Milhouse, III |
| 2017 | Matt Brolley |
| 2018 | Kris Salvatera |
| 2019 | Tim Scully-Granzeier |
| 2020 | P. Kay Whitlock |
| 2021 | Soliman Khudeira |
| 2023 | Ahmad Hadavi |
| 2024 | Katherine Au |
| 2025 | Lien Dastgir |

## CIVIL ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

| | |
|---|---|
| 1959 | Louis R. Howson |
| 1960 | Carl A. Metz |
| 1961 | George S. Salter |
| 1963 | Andrew J. Brown |
| 1964 | Dick Van Gorp |
| 1965 | Vinton W. Bacon |
| 1966 | A.L.R. Sanders |
| 1967 | John G. Duba |
| 1968 | Max Zar |
| 1969 | Thomas M. Niles |
| 1970 | Milton Pikarsky |
| 1971 | Jorj O. Osterberg |
| 1972 | Fazlur R. Khan |
| 1973 | Merle H. Goedjen |
| 1974 | Harold B. Gotaas |
| 1975 | Mathew D.R. Riddell |
| 1976 | E. Montford Fucik |
| 1977 | Eivind Hognestad |
| 1979 | Jack R. Janney |
| 1980 | John B.W. Corey |
| 1981 | Carl W. Reh |
| 1978 | John P. Gnaedinger |
| 1982 | Frank Klein |
| 1983 | Harold R. Sandberg |
| 1984 | Richard A. Parmelee |
| 1985 | Marshall Suloway |
| 1986 | Paul A. Kuhn |
| 1987 | David Novick |
| 1988 | Theodore VanZelst |
| 1989 | Clyde N. Baker, Jr. |
| 1990 | William J. Cadigan |
| 1991 | Donald A. Dupies |
| 1992 | Not Awarded |
| 1993 | William Macaitis |
| 1994 | Donald Eckmann |
| 1995 | Stephen Mitchell |
| 1996 | Harry W. Lochner |
| 1997 | Sidney A. Guralnick |
| 1998 | Raymond J. Krizek |
| 1999 | Frank L. Kudrna, Jr. |
| 2000 | Michael Goodkind |
| 2001 | John Carrato |
| 2002 | Dr. W. Gene Corley |
| 2003 | James K. Michels |
| 2004 | G. Nicholas Textor |
| 2005 | Michael J. Garlich |
| 2006 | Louis Bowman |
| 2007 | Richard O. Finno |
| 2008 | Muthiah Kasi |
| 2009 | Christopher B. Burke |
| 2010 | William H. Walton |
| 2011 | Daniel P. Dietzler |
| 2012 | Karen C. Chou |
| 2013 | Robert Hamilton |
| 2014 | Charles H. Dowding |
| 2015 | David J. Morrill |
| 2016 | Gary F Goodheart |
| 2017 | Patrick Pechnick |
| 2018 | Christopher J. King |
| 2020 | Allen J. Staron |
| 2021 | Peter G. Wallers |
| 2022 | John Lazzara |
| 2023 | Jennifer Maercklein |
| 2024 | Darren Olson |
| 2025 | Joe Johnson |

## YOUNG CIVIL ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

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|---|---|
| 1979 | Thomas A. McKenna |
| 1981 | Richard A. Sams |
| 1982 | Phillip E. Borrowman |
| 1983 | Mary Anne O'Toole |
| 1985 | Christopher B. Burke |
| 1986 | Patricia L. Wood |
| 1987 | Karl D. Fry |
| 1988 | Brian F. Pavlovec |
| 1989 | Jeffrey C. Schuh |
| 1990 | Robert H. Gilbertsen |
| 1991 | Karen Daulton Lange |
| 1992 | Charles J. Stenzel |
| 1993 | Paula Pienton |
| 1994 | Richard Walther |
| 1995 | Chris O. Rops |
| 1996 | Jill M. Organ |
| 1997 | Monica Krepfl |
| 1998 | Erik L. Gil |
| 1999 | Donald Wittmer |
| 2000 | Thomas T. Burke |
| 2001 | Lisa Harbert |
| 2002 | Joseph Neal |
| 2003 | Andrew Sikich |
| 2004 | Darren T. Olson |
| 2005 | Graig Neville |
| 2006 | Bob Gorski |
| 2007 | Smita Shah |
| 2008 | Brent Kunz |
| 2009 | Catherine Hurley |
| 2010 | Stephanie Nurre |
| 2011 | Andrew Keaschall |
| 2012 | Shawn J. Murphy |
| 2013 | Donald Oliphant |
| 2014 | Brett Sauter |
| 2015 | Matthew J. Huffman |
| 2016 | Monica Crinion |
| 2017 | Tina Revzin |
| 2018 | Megan McDonald |
| 2019 | Joseph M. Avram |
| 2020 | Muhammad Ali |
| 2021 | Irsilia Colletti |
| 2022 | Joe Kauzlarich |
| 2023 | Stephanie Abezetian |
| 2024 | David Wilkinson |
| 2025 | Jeremy Metz |

## GOVERNMENT CIVIL ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

| | |
|---|---|
| 1986 | Frank E. Dalton |
| 1987 | Zane Goodwin |
| 1988 | Ned P. Becker |
| 1989 | P. Kay Whitlock |
| 1990 | Richard E. Carlson |
| 1991 | Ayoub Y. Talhami |
| 1992 | Irving A. Benjamin |
| 1993 | Nabi Fakroddin |
| 1994 | Vincent Wroblewski |
| 1995 | Cecil Lue-Hing |
| 1996 | Gregory W. Wilcox |
| 1997 | Joseph M. McDermott |
| 1998 | Richard Lanyon |
| 1999 | James C. Slifer |
| 2000 | John C. Farnan |
| 2001 | Denise Casalino |
| 2002 | Joseph Jacobazzi |
| 2003 | Michael LaMont |
| 2004 | Wally S. Kos |
| 2005 | Allan L. Poole |
| 2006 | Jeffrey Dailey |
| 2007 | Paul Kovacs |
| 2008 | Diane O'Keefe |
| 2009 | Gary Jereb |
| 2010 | Richard Saichek |
| 2011 | John Fortman |
| 2012 | Martin Buehler |
| 2013 | Carl Schoedel |
| 2014 | Gregory Stukel |
| 2015 | Peter E Harmet |
| 2016 | Paul A. Loete |
| 2017 | Daniel Burke |
| 2018 | Clarita Reambillo Lao |
| 2019 | Anthony J. Charlton |
| 2020 | Anthony J. Quigley |
| 2021 | Sarah Hunn |
| 2022 | Kurt Woolford |
| 2023 | Brian Kuttab |
| 2024 | Jennifer “Sis” Killen |
| 2025 | Jeffrey J Allen |

## YOUNG GOVERNMENT CIVIL ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

| | |
|---|---|
| 1986 | Karen C. Kabbes |
| 1987 | Heidi Pfeiffer |
| 1988 | Diane M. O'Keefe |
| 1989 | Molly J. O'Toole |
| 1990 | Paul R. Bourke |
| 1992 | Thomas Price |
| 1993 | Anthony J. Charlton |
| 1994 | Mary F. Moscinski |
| 1995 | David Moughton |
| 1996 | Elias M. Gordan |
| 1998 | William A. Rochford |
| 1999 | Robert A. Covey |
| 2001 | Cris Paperniak |
| 2002 | Chris Vonnahme |
| 2003 | Aruch Poonsapaya |
| 2004 | Nicholas Kottmeyer |
| 2008 | John Sadler |
| 2009 | Jeffrey Ronaldson |
| 2010 | Steve Schilke |
| 2011 | Adam Lintner |
| 2012 | Jason Salley |
| 2013 | Johnny Morcos |
| 2014 | Sarah Hunn |
| 2015 | Kristin J Rehg |
| 2016 | Arturo Hernandez |
| 2018 | Katie Bell |
| 2019 | Laura Thompson |
| 2020 | Kyle Johnson |
| 2021 | Fawad Aqueel |
| 2022 | Michael Kowalczyk |
| 2024 | Yazan M. Alshawabkeh |
| 2025 | Ahmad Nafakh |

## CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING PERSON OF THE YEAR

2020 Jared Hamilton
2021 Hossein Ataei
2022 Daniel Gross
2024 Patrick Kielty
2025 Matthew D'Ambrosia

## EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM AWARD

1997 Heather Lalley
1998 William Recktenwald
2001 Rogers Worthington
2003 Jon Hilkevitch
2010 Blair Kamin

## SUSTAINABILITY IN CIVIL ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2011 Chicago Green Alley Program
2012 Benito Juarez Community Academy – Addition Project
2013 McGrath Acura Redevelopment Project – Chicago
2014 Goethe Elementary Sustainable Schoolyard Project
2015 Lawrence Avenue Streetscape (Western Ave to Clark St)
2016 Elm Woods Stream Stabilization
2017 Jane Addams Memorial Tollway, I-90 Fox River Bridge
2018 Loyola University Chicago Lake Shore Campus Stormwater Mgmt Master Plan and Implementation
2019 Oswego Public Safety Campus
2020 Riverview Bridge – Chicago
2021 Aurora (M-8) Maintenance Facility
2022 Buffalo Creek Reservoir Expansion
2023 Green Streets Infrastructure Program
2024 The Illinois Tollway LED Lighting Program
2025 Lake Katherine Cal-Sag Trailhead Parking Improvement Project

## OUTSTANDING CIVIL ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

1990 Dan Ryan Reconstruction Project
1991 Shedd Aquarium Oceanarium Addition
1992 Lake Michigan Water Supply System
1993 Side/Stream Elevated Pool Aeration Project
1994 Wheeling Township Transfer Station
1995 John F. Kennedy Rehabilitation Project
1996 Elmhurst Quarry Flood Control Facility
1997 Lake Shore Drive Improvement Project
1998 North Point Marina Submerged Reef and Revetment (Under $5 Million)
Chicagoland Underflow Plan-O'Hare Reservoir (Over $5 Million)
1999 I & M Canal Bikeway: I-55 to Brandon Road (Under $5 Million)
Michigan Avenue Viaduct Reconstruction (Over $5 Million)
2000 Baker's Lake Heronry Reconstruction (Under $5 Million)
Cermak Road Rolling Lift Bridge Rehabilitation (Over $5 Million)
2001 Cook County Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (Under $5 Million)
Chicago Inner Harbor Turning Basin (Over $5 Million)
Transformation of Cicero Avenue at I-294 (Over $5 Million)

**OUTSTANDING CIVIL ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT, cont.**

2002 Jewel-Osco Storm Compressor System (Under $5 Million)
2003 Chicago Avenue Pumping System (Under $5 Million)
Thornton Transitional Reservoir (Over $5 Million)
2004 Fredenhagen Park (Under $5 Million)
Gerald Ratner Athletics Center (Over $5 Million)
2005 The Morton Arboretum Main Parking Lot (Under $5 Million)
Neutrinos at Main Injector (NuMI) Project (Over $5 Million)
2006 Reconstruction of the Main Street Bridge (Under $5 Million)
Millennium Park (Over $5 Million)
2007 Dan Ryan Skyway Interchange (Over $5 Million)
2008 Lincoln Mall Subsurface Remediation (Under $5 Million)
I-355 South Extension Veteran Memorial Highway (Over $5 Million)
2009 Spring Brook Meander Project (Under $5 Million)
City of Evanston Combined Sewer Relief Program (Over $5 Million)
2010 Washington Park Stormwater Improvement Project (Under $5 Million)
I-88 and Eola Road Interchange (Over $5 Million)
2011 Rush University Medical Center Transformation Project - Harrison Tunnel (Under $5 Million)
Stearns Road: An Environmental Corridor That Happens To Have a Road in It (Over $5 Million)
2012 2nd Street Stormwater Improvements – Downers Grove, IL (Under $5 Million)
2013 Big Timber Road over Pingree and Tyler Creek Project (Under $5 Million)
Wacker Drive and Congress Parkway Interchange Reconstruction Project – Chicago (Over $5 Million)
2014 Brewster Creek Headwaters Flood Control Project (Under $5 Million)
Rehabilitation of Wells Street Bascule Bridge Project (Over $5 Million)
2015 Village of Niles Stormwater Relief Basins Project (Under $10 Million)
Fullerton Parkway Bridge & Pedestrian Underpass at Lincoln Park Lagoon ($10-$25 Million)
The 606/Bloomingdale Trail, Chicago, IL (Over $25 Million)
2016 Busse Reservoir South Dam Modification Project (Under $10 Million)
Navy Pier Centennial Wheel ($10-$25 Million)
Thornton Composite Reservoir MWRD (Over $25 Million)
2017 Village of Northbrook-Wescott Park Stormwater Storage Facility (Under $10 Million)
Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine Simpson-Querrey Biomedical Research Center Earth Retention System ($10-$25 Million)
Chicago Riverwalk (Over $25 Million)
2018 McDonald Road Bridge Replacement (Under $10 Million)
Albany Park Stormwater Diversion Tunnel ($25-$35 Million)
Wilson Station Reconstruction Project (Over $100 Million)
Chicagoland Underflow Plan-McCook Reservoir (Mega Project)
2019 City of Highland Park Forest Avenue over Ravine Bridge Replacement (Under $10 Million)
Chicago Department of Transportation 41st Street Pedestrian Bridge ($10-$35 Million)
Morton Grove – Niles Water Commission Water Transmission Facilities Project ($35-$100 Million)
2020 Village of Bensenville & DuPage County Stormwater Management Redmond Reservoir Expansion (Under $10 Million)
Village of Oak Park Lake Street Corridor Improvement; Utility, Streetscape, and Resurfacing ($10-$25 Million)
Fox Metro Water Reclamation District CSO LTCP Phase 2 Improvements ($25-$100 Million)
2021 Ward 2 & 3 Stormwater Improvements (Under $10 Million)
Lakefront Trail Pedestrian Bridge ($25-$100 Million)
Chicago O'Hare International Airport Runway 9C-27C (Over $100 Million)
2022 Lincoln Yards South Environmental Remediation (Under $10 Million)

**OUTSTANDING CIVIL ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT, cont.**

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| | Irving Park Road over the North Branch of the Chicago River ($10-$25 Million) |
| | Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Bride ($25-$100 Million) |
| | Midway International Airport Security Checkpoint Expansion (Over $100 Million) |
| 2023 | City of Evanston Central Street Bridge Replacement (Under $10 Million) |
| | Village of Niles Golf Mill Park ($10-$25 Million) |
| | Village of Wilmette Neighborhood Storage Project ($25-$100 Million) |
| | Illinois Department of Transportation Jane Byrne Interchange (Over $100 Million) |
| 2024 | LOT Air Traffic Control Tower Site Development (Under $10 Million) |
| | Clavey Road Reconstruction City of Highland Park ($10-$25 Million) |
| | Addison Creek Reservoir ($25-$100 Million) |
| | Houbolt Road Extension/Bridge & I-80 Diverging Diamond Interchange (Over $100 Million) |
| 2025 | Replacement of Nettle Creek Aqueduct (Under $10 Million) |
| | Nicholas Dowden Park Flood Control Project ($10-$25 Million) |
| | West and Southwest Winnetka Stormwater Management Program ($25-$100 Million) |
| | Longmeadow Parkway Corridor and River Bridge Interchange (Over $100 Million) |

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## Illinois Section ASCE

# 2026–2027 FUTURE CITY

## REGIONAL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

*Support the next generation of engineers, innovators and problem solvers as they design resilient cities for a safer, stronger tomorrow.*

### 2026–2027 THEME:

## FIRE RESILIENT FUTURE

Students will design resilient future cities that can prevent, protect, and recover from urban wildfires.

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

| MAYOR | VILLAGE/CITY ENGINEER | SPECIAL AWARDS | CITIZEN |
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| $750 | $500 | $400 | $250 |

Sponsor logos are displayed at the regional competition and on team T-shirts.
Sponsors may also provide company swag for team bags.

BECOME A SPONSOR TODAY

LEARN HOW TO BECOME A MENTOR AND JUDGE

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BUILDING TOMORROW'S INFRASTRUCTURE

ROUTE 66 CENTENNIAL
★ 1926 - 2026 ★

*Celebrating*
# 100 YEARS
## — OF ROUTE 66 —

HISTORY ★ COMMUNITY ★ THE OPEN ROAD

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# ROUTE 66 CENTENNIAL EVENT
## AT NAVY PIER ★ CHICAGO, IL

**DATE**
**Wednesday, October 14, 2026**
*Rain or Shine*

**TIME**
**10:00 AM – 11:00 AM**
*Dedication ceremony and plaque unveiling*

**11:00 AM – 01:00 PM**
*Networking on site*

**LOCATION**
**Navy Pier**
Near Harry Caray's

**FREE EVENT**

## *Join Us in a Historic Moment!*

Celebrate 100 years of Route 66 with a special dedication ceremony and plaque unveiling at Navy Pier.

**FEATURED SPEAKERS**
Hear from leaders including:

- ★ IDOT
- ★ CDOT
- ★ The Art Institute of Chicago
- ★ U.S. Route 66 Centennial Commission
- ★ ASCE President
- ★ and more!

**NETWORK & CONNECT**
Meet fellow community leaders, industry partners and Route 66 supporters as we honor the past and inspire the future of this iconic highway.

HONORING THE PAST ★ INSPIRING THE FUTURE

# IL-SECTION ASCE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM 2026-27

*The programisdesignedtopairASCEStudent/RecentGraduate Protégé's withASCEProfessionalMentorsthroughaprofessional networking relationship.*

## SCAN FOR MORE INFO!

## APPLICATIONS OPEN SEPTEMBER 2026

## PROGRAM GOALS:

- Spark passionfor theindustry
- Learn from real experience
- Build leadership together
- Expand your network
- Shape the next generation

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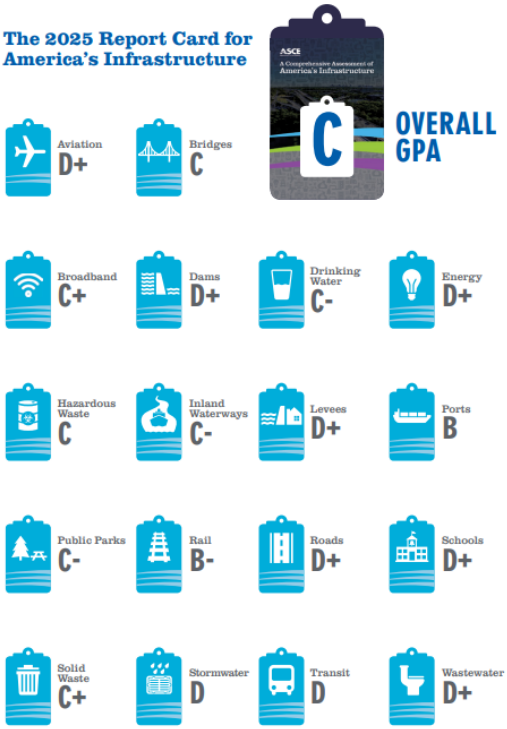
https://isasce.org/mentorship-program/

# 2025 Report Card for America's Infrastructure

The 2025 Report Card for America's Infrastructure gave the nation an overall grade of C. The report was led by former **Illinois Section President, Darren Olson, PE**, who chaired the national committee. Civil engineers across the nation, including many from the Illinois Section, evaluated eighteen infrastructure categories. The findings revealed seven categories are in mediocre condition, while nine are in poor condition, underscoring the urgent need for investment and improvement nationwide.




The Report Card was created to help every citizen, stakeholder and decision-maker in the United States understand the state of our infrastructure and where we can collectively work to improve it. As civil engineers, our role in society is to plan, design, construct, and maintain our infrastructure networks and this document allows us the opportunity to share that information with the public. This infrastructure snapshot enables us to track how our investments are doing while engaging in conversations about where we want to be going in the future. We hope that this information provides the insight needed to start that conversation and ignite action.

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