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**GLSD Executive Director Cousens
Awarded the William D. Hatfield Award**

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January 26, 2022 - Boston, MA – Greater Lawrence Sanitary District Executive Director Cheri Cousens was honored today at the New England Water Environment Association's (NEWEA) Annual Conference held at Boston's Marriott Hotel / Copley Square.

For outstanding performance and professionalism in the operation of a wastewater treatment facility, Cousens earned the William D. Hatfield Award, an award given each year in honor of Dr. William D. Hatfield, a chemist who in the early 1900's was well recognized for his pioneering and innovative water treatment methods. Today, the Water Pollution Control Federation, an international non-profit technical and educational organization devoted to water quality and pollution control, confers the William D. Hatfield Award to distinguish operators of wastewater treatment plants for outstanding performance and professionalism.

Cheri Cousens joined GLSD in 2014 as its Executive Director. Before joining GLSD, Ms. Cousens was Executive Director of the Charles River Pollution Control District in Medway, Massachusetts where she managed all aspects of the wastewater treatment facility for the towns of Bellingham, Franklin, Medway, and Millis. Prior to becoming Executive Director in July 2010, Ms. Cousens was Engineer/Industrial Pretreatment Program Coordinator for the District for 11 years. She also worked as an environmental engineer for CDM Smith at the beginning of her career.

Ms. Cousens holds a B.S. in Environmental Engineering from Wentworth Institute of Technology, and a M.S. in Civil Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. She is a registered Professional Engineer in Massachusetts, a licensed Grade 7-C Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, Treasurer for the Massachusetts Coalition of Water Resources Stewardship, Director of the New England Biosolids and Residuals Association and a member of the New England Water Environment Association.

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