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## **National Award for TMACOG Executive**

Kurt Erichsen, P.E., long time vice president of environmental planning at the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG), is the recipient of the 2009 John Bosley Award granted by the National Association of Regional Councils. The award recognizes Erichsen for outstanding service and contributions to advance the success of the regional community. Criteria for the award included demonstrated stature among peers and staff, contributions to the region and the community, and the extent to which his time and dedication has provided benefit to the regional community. Erichsen is involved in many organizations that promote water quality and sanitation in the area. Among other affiliations, Erichsen is an associate member of the Wood County Township Association, a member of the Ohio Lake Erie Commission Advisory Committee and the Northwest Ohio Sewage Consortium, an Ohio Stormwater Task Force member, member of the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration, and member of the Black Swamp Conservancy.

Kenneth Fallows, chair of TMACOG's Environmental Council, and member of the U.S. EPA Local Government Advisory Committee, described benefits from Erichsen's time and dedication. "I can testify to the region-wide respect for – and the need for – Kurt's expertise. His historical knowledge of the issues in this region is an essential tool that elected officials and others throughout the region rely on." TMACOG leaders were pleased to nominate Erichsen and gratified to see his work honored with the award. TMACOG Chair and Lucas County Commissioner Tina Skeldon Wozniak said, "Kurt Erichsen has been a steadfast champion of our precious water resources and an advocate for sustainable practices, long before they were popular. I can think of no one more deserving of this prestigious honor than him." TMACOG President Tony Reams added, "TMACOG members are well-served by Kurt's expertise and dedication. He has certainly earned this recognition."

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