

AWARD WINNERS

APWA TRANSPORTATION PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD

The City of Warrenville and Engineering Enterprises, Inc. (EEI) accepted the American Public Works Association (APWA), Fox Valley Branch Project of the Year Award in the Transportation category for less than \$5 million.

The City of Warrenville began the planning for the Williams Road Bridge reconstruction project in 2008 when the project was awarded federal funding. The existing structure was structurally and functionally deficient, and there had been numerous reports of flooding of the West Branch of the DuPage River and overtopping of Williams Road and the existing structure. The main goal of this project was to remove and replace the existing structure and also raise the bridge and roadway profiles to meet IDOT policies and reduce pavement flooding and overtopping. Other improvements included improving safety for pedestrians and bicyclists, providing improved and more aesthetic lighting, and extending sanitary sewer and water main under the river to serve existing residents and allow for expansion of the future system. The project was completed in November 2015 and over 300 citizens attended the ribbon cutting ceremony that was held. It was truly a project that brought people together.



Left to right, front row – Ken Copenhaver, Copenhaver Construction Inc.; Luke Martin, RS&H; Todd Wells, EEI; Mayor David L. Brummel, City of Warrenville; Mike Smith, City of Warrenville; Phil Kuchler, City of Warrenville; Jenn Anderson, APWA FVB President. Back row – Tom Talsma, EEI; Peter Wallers, EEI; John Cookley, City of Warrenville; Tim Weidner, EEI; Chuck Polito, Copenhaver Construction Inc.

ILLINOIS GOVERNMENT LAWYERS ASSOCIATION AWARDS

During its 2016 conference, the Illinois Government Lawyers Association (ILGL) presented two awards for Longevity of Service. The first award was presented to Ernest R. Blomquist III, for his 38 years of continuous service as the village prosecutor for the Village of Arlington Heights. Blomquist is a partner with the Arlington Heights law firm of Massucci Blomquist Anderson and Dunn. The second award was presented to Thomas W. Good of the Wheaton law firm, Gorski and Good. Good has represented the Village of Woodridge for 36 continuous years as its village attorney.

The Litigation Award recipient was Victor P. Filippini, Jr. for his work in what he termed the “Battle of Jericho,” the case of *Gurba v. Community High School District No. 155*. The *Gurba* decision finally laid to rest the battle between municipalities and school districts with respect to zoning and preserved municipal zoning authority over school districts and other units of local government. Filippini is a partner and founding member of the Filippini Law Firm LLP. He focuses his practice principally in the areas of state and local government law, land use and development law. Mr. Filippini is also an Adjunct Professor of Law at Northwestern University Law School. He attended Harvard University where he received a degree in Government, magna cum laude. He received his Juris Doctorate degree, cum laude, from the University of Michigan Law School.

The Robert J. Mangler Distinguished Service Award for Lifetime Achievement was presented to John B. Murphey, Jr. Murphey is a partner with the Chicago law firm of Rosenthal, Murphey, Coblenz & Donahue. He serves as general or special counsel to many local government units throughout the State of Illinois. Murphey received his Juris Doctorate degree, cum laude, from Loyola University School of Law. He is a two time winner of the Litigation Award from the ILGL.



Left to Right: ILGL Award Recipients Victor Filippini, John Murphey, Thomas Good and Ernie Blomquist.