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JOINT FALL CONFERENCE

November 3-5, 2026

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2026 JOINT FALL CONFERENCE

On behalf of the American Public Works Association (APWA) Nebraska Chapter, the Nebraska Section - American Water Works Association (NS-AWWA), the Nebraska Water Environment Association (NWEA), and the Nebraska Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America (NE SWANA), welcome to Kearney, Nebraska and the 2026 Joint Fall Conference! This event is made possible by the tireless efforts of many individuals and volunteers, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed.

This year, we're excited to debut our new brochure design which organizes conference tracks for all four organizations into a more cohesive experience for attendees. Some 2026 highlights include the NE SWANA Drop Zone Fundraiser, 15th Annual Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament, the NSAWWA Water Tasting Contest and Top Ops Competition, and the Women in Water Breakfast. You'll find many ways to learn, network and engage at this conference!

Like past years, we are using badge printing technology with personalized QR codes for each attendee. These badges will allow for tracking Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and Professional Development Hours (PDHs), managing ticket/entry for paid luncheons, banquets and/or all-day trainings; as well as enabling easy contact sharing with vendors. You can access the full program via the Conference App by scanning the QR code on the previous page.

Please visit the exhibit hall and engage with our many vendors. Their generous contributions and expertise are vital to the success of this conference each year. They are eager to connect with you and discuss how they can assist with your day-to-day work. New for 2026, APWA, NS-AWWA, NWEA, and NE SWANA each have a table in the exhibit hall. If you want to join one of these organizations, get more involved, or just want to know more about what we do, stop by and they'll be happy to help.

Our organizations are proud to provide a high-quality conference experience to all attendees. We're always looking for ways to improve and welcome any feedback. We hope you enjoy yourself, travel home safely, and have a wonderful holiday season!

NWEA – Conference Lead
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15th ANNUAL TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT

Presented by: NSAWWA/NWEA Young Professionals Committee

1st Place: **$200**
2nd Place: **$150**
3rd Place: **$100**
4th Place: **$50**
5th Place: **$25**

Plus,
Consolation Prizes!

Three raffles during the tournament!

To Benefit: water for people

Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Location: Younes Conference Center
(Gold 4 & 10)

Time: Following Banquet, 8:00 pm to Midnight

SUGGESTED TOURNAMENT DONATION: $20
Make checks payable to NWEA.

WALK IN NIGHT OF THE EVENT TO PLAY!

To sign-up to volunteer as a dealer, please contact: **Kaden Ellis**

Email: *Kaden.Ellis@otcindustrial.com* **Phone:** (816) 905-4319

NEBRASKA SWANA SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA Cornhusker Chapter

Fundraiser

Date: Monday, November 2, 2026
Time: 6:00pm - 9:00pm
Location: Drop Zone!
Cost: $60

Join conference attendees, industry professionals, and students for an evening of networking, friendly competition, food, and fun while supporting the next generation of professionals through your contributions to the Nebraska SWANA Cornhusker Chapter Scholarship Fund. Proceeds from this event will support scholarships awarded to high school students with a familial connection to the NE SWANA Chapter. Registration cost covers 3 hours of golfing at Drop Zone, food, and beverages.

This event is open to all conference attendees.

Monday, November 2, 2026

NSAWWA PRE-CONFERENCE
Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) Plan Workshop

	GOLD 3
8:00	**Registration**
8:15	**Pre-Test**
8:30	**Introduction to LCRI and Identifying Unknowns** Midwest Assistance Program & DWEE
10:30	**Morning Break**
10:45	**Operator Panel**
11:45	**Luncheon** (Provided by Younes Conf Center, Funded by NSAWWA)
12:45	**Lead Service Line Replacement Procedures** Midwest Assistance Program & DWEE
2:15	**Afternoon Break**
3:30	**Additional Discussion and FAQ Session**
4:30	***Adjourn***

COST: FREE TO ALL REGISTERED ATTENDEES.

One-day Workshop presented by the Midwest Assistance Program and NDWEE approved 6 CEUs for Water Operators!

The Nebraska Section American Water Works Association, the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy and Environment and the Midwest Assistance Program is providing the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI) and Replacement Plan Training FREE of charge as the Pre-Conference training associated with the 2026 APWA, AWWA, NWEA SWANA, Joint Fall Conference at the Younes Conference Center North in Kearney, NE.

Understanding the requirements of the LCRI and developing a thorough LSLR Plan are essential for maintaining regulatory compliance and effectively planning for lead service line replacement. This interactive, hands-on workshop will guide attendees through the key elements of an LSLR Plan, allowing participants to work through the plan together as a class.

Participants will be provided with their updated inventories which have been converted to comply with requirements for LCRI and will be used in the development of replacement plans. Attendees are encouraged to bring a laptop to participate in the exercises; laptops will also be available upon request.

Offers 6 CEUs for water operator licenses I-IV.

Workshop is approved by Nebraska Department of Water, Energy and Environment (NDWEE) for 6.0 CEU hours for water operator licenses I-IVs!

NSAWWA

	GOLD 1	GOLD 2	GOLD 3
7:30	*Grab and Go Breakfast / Registration/Check-In*		
8:30	**Opening Remarks** **Brian Gongol,** DJ Gongol & Associates		
8:45	**Keynote: Mike Worlton,** AWWA Vice President		
9:00	**State Drinking Water Updates** **Laura Johnson,** NDWEE		
10:00	***Break and Tour Exhibits*** *(Silver Ballroom)*		
10:30	**Concrete Thrust Blocks or Restrained Joints in Pressurized Pipelines** **John Simpson,** McWane Ductile	**Backflow Track: Regulatory Updates and Backflow Prevention** **Greg Brekel,** DWEE	**Taking Back Your Data, Small System GIS Solutions** **Ryan Hurst** and **Matt Reynolds,** City of Wahoo
11:15	**Pressure Pipe Condition Assessment: An Integral Part of Utility Asset Management** **Katie Kinsey,** HDR	**Backflow Track: Backflow Prevention in an Industrial Beef Processing Plant** **Chris Holley,** North Platte Water Department-	**Small System Recruitment Panel** **Ethan Hall,** YP Committee
12:00	***Joint NSAWWA/APWA/NE SWANA Luncheon*** *(Gold 4-6 & 10-12)*		
1:30	**HDPE Design Evolution** **Lincoln Rodenburg,** HGM	**Backflow Track: Backflow Assembly Mechanics** **Dan Buttermore,** Mack McClain & Associates	**Engineering Elevated Water Storage for Nebraska's Extreme Weather: Resilience Against High Winds and Severe Storms** **Taylor Busch,** Landmark Structures
2:00	**Maximizing Efficiencies of Water Pumping System** **Thomas O. Crowley,** Carollo		**Changing Corrosion Control Chemicals in the Age of LCRR/LCRI** **Nicole Martindale** and **Michael Butterfield,** HDR
2:30	***Break and Tour Exhibits*** *(Silver Ballroom)*		
3:00	**Protect Your Backbone: Building a Successful Large Diameter Water Main Renewal Program** **Erika Cooper,** Carollo	**Backflow Track: Backflow for a Small Town** **Marty Ostransky,** Midwest Assistance Program	**Findings from Lead Service Line Filtration and Sampling Programs** **Kathleen Powers,** TruePani, Inc.
3:30	**Water System Master Planning and Hydraulic Modeling** **Caleb T. White,** Carollo		**From Compliance to Confidence: Building Trust Through LSLRP** **Jeff Dotson,** MUD
4:00	***Drinking Water Tasting*** *(Pre-Function)*		
4:30	***Top Ops*** *(Pre-Function)*		
6:00	***NSAWWA Banquet | Presentation of Fuller Award*** *(Gold 10, 11, & 12)*		
8:00	***15th Annual Texas Hold'em Tournament*** *(Gold 4 & 10)*		

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

	APWA	NE SWANA	Special Sessions
	BRONZE 3	GOLD 9	*(ROOMS ARE AS NOTED)*
7:30	*Grab and Go Breakfast / Registration/Check-In*		
8:30	**Carlysle Pump Station Replacement – Eliminating Outfalls Did What?!** **AJ Toloza,** Benesch	**Fire Safety and Batteries Training** **Jerry Sjogren,** Recycled Materials Association	
9:15	**Innovative Bridge Replacement for IA 1 Over Little Lick Creek** **Travis Augustyn,** Progressive Structures **Todd Black,** Contech Engineered Solutions **Matt Rasmussen,** Schemmer		
10:00	***Break and Tour Exhibits*** *(Silver Ballroom)*		
10:30	**Unlocking Federal Dollars: How Nebraska's Infrastructure Hub Helps Communities Win Big** **Jessica Hekter,** HDR **Jenna Hebegger,** NDOT	**Fire Safety and Batteries Training** **Jerry Sjogren,** Recycled Materials Association	
11:00	**Beyond the Walkthrough – 3D Scanning for Municipal Facilities** **Hoang Le,** Schemmer		
11:30	**Pumped to Be Your Neighbor** **Brian Gongol,** DJ Gongol and Associates		
12:00	***Joint NSAWWA/APWA/NE SWANA Luncheon*** *(Gold 4-6 & 10-12)*		
1:30	**AI: Help or Hype?** **Mitch Klein,** XP Engineering	**Fire Safety and Batteries Training** **Jerry Sjogren,** Recycled Materials Association	**AWWA Business Meeting** *(Room)*
2:00	**Building the Next Generation of Public Works Leaders** **Blake Casper,** Olsson		
2:30	***Break and Tour Exhibits*** *(Silver Ballroom)*		
3:00	**UBAS - A Maintenance Alternative for Local Streets** **Mitch Kennedy,** Lamp Rynearson **Eric Vossman,** McAnany Construction	***Break and Tour Exhibits*** *(Silver Ballroom)*	**NWEA Executive Board Meeting** *(Room)*
3:30	**Panel Discussion: AI in Public Works** **Panel:** **Steve Rue,** Omaha Public Works **Mitch Klein,** XP Engineering **Aaron Benick,** Brigade Electronics, Inc. **Moderator:** **Wilf Nixon,** APWA	**Fire Safety and Batteries Training**	
5:00	***Social Hour and Tour Exhibits***		**NWOC Advisory Training Meeting** *(Room)*
6:00	***APWA Banquet*** *(Gold 8 & 9)*	***NE SWANA Banquet*** *(Gold 7)*	
8:00	***15th Annual Texas Hold'em Tournament*** *(Gold 4 & 10)*		

	NSAWWA			APWA
	GOLD 1	GOLD 2	GOLD 3	BRONZE 3
7:30	***Women in Water Breakfast*** *(Gold 5)* and ***Grab and Go Breakfast***			
7:30	***Registration/Check-In***			
8:30	**Big Data, Big Demand: Water Planning for Large Users** **John Gilroy** and **Ashley Sanchez,** Black & Veatch	**City of Papillion WTP Clearwell and Accessory Building Project** **Joseph Roberts** and **Randy Milbrath,** HDR **Alex Evans,** City of Papillion	**A Systemic Literature Review of Solutions for Shrinking Water Systems** **Kaycie Lane,** University of Nebraska - Lincoln.	**Planning for a Safer Columbus** **Morgan Buckmaster,** HDR **Jean Van Iperen,** City of Columbus
9:00			**Winnebago WTP Upgrades - Treatment Technology Evaluation** **Teresa Konda,** HDR	**Utility Bridges: An Innovative Strategy for Waterway Crossings** **Weston Engel,** Carollo
9:15	**Mindset Shift to Water/ Wastewater Inventory and Planning** **Justin Stark,** Olsson	**Beyond Compliance: Innovative Safety Features in Elevated Tank Construction** **Taylor Busch,** Landmark Structures		
9:30			**MUD Platte South Electrical Building** **Matthew Magee** and **Dalton Frahm,** HDR	**AI in Fleet Safety** **Aaron Benick,** Brigade Electronics, Inc.
10:00	***Break and Tour Exhibits*** *(Silver Ballroom)*			
10:30	**Modernizing Water Loss Recovery** **Graham Mattison,** Kamstrup Water Meters	**Designing for Operations** **Jeffrey Kohn,** Olsson	**Tail Wagging the Dog - How PFAS Residuals Impacts Technology Selection and Future Operations** **Pierre Kwan,** HDR	**Panel Discussion: Project Delivery in Public Works** **Panel:** **Danielle Vachal,** Lincoln Transportation and Utilities **Pat Dowse,** City of La Vista **Kyle Keller,** NDOT **Moderator:** **Clayton Engelman,** Lincoln Transportation and Utilities
11:15	**Digging Deep: How We Built Nebraska's Largest HDD Pipeline** **John Gilroy,** Black & Veatch	**Modernizing Cross-Connection Control: Launching Our New Cross-Connection Control Software** **Andrew Walker,** City of Lincoln	**With All Due Respect to the Water: How Water Professionals Can Answer Tough Questions About Data Centers** **Brian Gongol,** DJ Gongol & Associates, Inc.	
11:30				
12:00	***Adjourn***			***Open Membership Mtg*** ***Adjourn***

Women in Water Breakfast

Limited to First 50 Registrants

When: Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2026
Time: 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM
Where: Gold 5
Cost: Free

Fall Conference

Wednesday, November 4, 2026

	NE SWANA	NWEA	
	GOLD 9	GOLD 7	GOLD 8
7:30	***Women in Water Breakfast*** *(Gold 5)* and ***Grab and Go Breakfast***		
7:30	***Registration/Check-In***		
8:30	**Business Meeting -** Cornhusker Chapter	**NWEA Welcome:** **Lucas Billesbach,** WEF Delegate **WEF Update** **Keith Hobson,** WEF Past President	
9:00	**One Town's Trash is Another's Energy: Waste-to-Energy as a Regional Economic Strategy for Mid-Sized Municipalities** **Adam Nutt,** City of Lincoln		
9:10		**WEF Unity** **Scott Aurit,** WEF Past-Speaker of the House of Delegates	
9:30	**We've still got a fire issue!! Dealing with the growing number of battery-embedded devices.** **Kent Holm,** Douglas County Environmental Services	**NPDES Fees and Other Updates** **Reuel Anderson,** NDWEE	
10:00	***Break and Tour Exhibits*** *(Silver Ballroom)*		
10:30	**Opportunities within Nebraska's Waste** **Jeff Phillips,** SCS Engineers	**Physical Hydraulic Modeling for Eppley Airfield Locust St. Pump Station** **Sean Bell,** HDR **Tony Loeser,** University of Iowa	**Operator-Engineer Partnership Panel** **Samantha Corey,** NWEA Panel **Brandon Lubken,** City of Hastings **Jayson Rezek,** City of Grand Island **Todd Sukup,** City of Sidney
11:15	**Facility Design - From Concept to Construction** **Will Nicholson** and **Katie Kinley,** HDR	**Midwest Biosolids Association Overview** **Jim Kee,** Midwest Biosolids Association	**Communication Practices and Building Connections as a Consulting Engineer** **Katie Mowat,** Burian and Associates
11:30		**Increasing Resiliency of your Biosolids Land Application Program** **Ashley Berninghaus,** Carollo Engineers	**The Path of Delegation** **Ethan Hall,** JEO Consulting Group
12:00	***Joint Luncheon (NWEA/SWANA)***		
1:30	**Moving Towards a Digital Landfill: How Technology Solves Everyday Operational Challenges** **Dan Chetterbock,** Sweetwater County Solid Waste **Patricia McKenzie,** Stellar Programming and Consulting	**A Practical Look at AI in Sewer Inspection Workflows** *(Silver Ballroom)* **Bret Melson,** Johnson Service Company	**No Interruptions: Maintaining Continuous WRRF Operations During Construction** **Joel Jirak,** Olsson
2:00	**Are We There Yet? Understanding Landfill Gas Regulations and When They Apply** **Brendan Bunker,** HDR	**Application of Cleaning Nozzles** *(Outdoor Exhibit Area)* **Jarid Davis,** Armor Equipment	**Construction Materials Testing and Special Inspection** **Andy Thiele,** Thiele Geotech
2:30	**"Supply" is Only Half of the Equation. How do We Create the "Demand" for the Materials We are Diverting?** **Kent Holm,** Douglas County Environmental Services	**Hydrant Demo & Maintenance** *(Outdoor Exhibit Area)* **Barry Ruby,** American Flow Control	**The Delivery Decision: Understanding the Tradeoffs Between Design-Bid-Build, CM-At-Risk, Design-Build, and Progressive Design-Build** **Chris Heese** and **Justin Stark,** Olsson
3:00	***Break and Tour Exhibits*** *(Silver Ballroom)*		

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Wednesday, November 4, 2026 *(Continued)*

	NE SWANA	NWEA	
	GOLD 9	GOLD 7	GOLD 8
3:30	**Smart Landfilling** **Charlie Nowak,** Humdinger Equipment	**Toxic and Combustible Gas Awareness and Detection** **David Bruce** and **Daniel Pflumm,** DanCo Systems Inc.	**NWEA Annual Business Meeting**
4:00	**EVOH Geomembranes with Gas Barrier** **Phillip Rahlfs,** Viaflex	**How to Maintain a Pump Without Getting Hurt** **Brian Gongol,** DJ Gongol & Associates, Inc.	
4:30		**Emergency Planning and Response - Trust Your Training** **Wyat Rawhouser,** Perception Safety LLC	
4:45	**Cash Drawing** (SWANA Board)		
5:00	***Adjourn***	***Social (Vendor Extravaganza)***	
6:00		***NWEA Banquet***	

Thursday, November 5, 2026

	NWEA		
	GOLD 7	GOLD 8	GOLD 9
7:30	***5S Breakfast*** *(invitation only)* ***/ Registration/Check-In Grab / Go Breakfast***		
8:30	**City of Omaha In-Plant Lift Station Upgrades** **Robert Magallon,** Jacobs Engineering	**Management Skills for New Leaders** **Michelle DeHaven,** Environmental Finance Center (WSU)	**Pinpointing I&I with Level-Only Monitoring: A Faster and Less Expensive Path to Actionable Insights** **Michele L. Braas**
9:00	**You Shall Not Pass...Nutrients** **Abby Kigin,** HDR	**What's Your Standard? Modernization & Standards in Automation & Controls** **Brady Darrough,** Huffman Engineering, Inc.	**Selecting the Right Infrastructure Model: From Static Analyses to Digital Twins** **Scott Humphrey, Nick Sutko,** and **Noma Borde,** NWEA Collection Systems Committee
9:30	**Mitigating Unprecedented Flooding Through Optimized Evaluation With Multiple Design Storms** **Scott Aurit,** HDR	**AI Based Decision Support System for Lincoln Wastewater** **Warren Humphrey** and **Paul Owens,** Olsson	**Collection Systems Operator Certification** **Adam Wilmes,** NWEA Collection Systems Committee
10:00	***Break and Tour Exhibits***		
10:30	**What Is Intensification? Understanding MBBR, MBR, MABR, AGS, and Other Approaches** **Isaiah LaRue,** Nexom	**Building Community Support for Infrastructure Investment** **Michelle DeHaven,** Environmental Finance Center (WSU)	**NWEA Board Meeting**
11:00	**Advantage of Time-Based Batch Operation on Activated Sludge, Densified Sludge and Aerobic Granular Sludge** **Tatiana Mazzei,** Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc.	**Practical Accessibility: Get Compliant, Get Inclusive, Get Started** **Elizabeth George,** HDR	
11:30	**How Auto Samplers are Becoming a Fit and Forget Technology** **Nick Moore,** Emerald Coast Manufacturing	**Hidden in Plain Sight: Transforming Flooding Problems into Flooding Solutions** **Beth Fry,** GBA	
12:00	**Adjourn**		

Thank you to our moderators!!!

CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS

Pre-Conference Workshop CEU Hours:
6.0 CEU Hours for Water Operators Grades I – IV

NDWEE Water Operator CEU Hours:
(Pending NDWEE Approval)
7.5 CEU Hours for Grades I – IV
3.5 CEU Hours for Grades VI

NDWEE Wastewater Operator CEU Hours:
10.0 CEU Hours

NE SWANA CEU Hours:
6.0 CEU Hours for Tour
6.0 CEU Hours for Presentations

Women in Water Breakfast:
1.0 PDH Hours

ATTENDANCE FEES

PROGRAM	On-Site Registration
NSAWWA Pre-Conference Seminar	Free with Registration
NSAWWA (Includes Lunch and Banquet)	$190
APWA (Includes Lunch and Banquet)	$190
NE SWANA Pre-Conference Training	$75
NE SWANA (Includes Lunch and Banquet)	$190
NWEA (Includes Lunch and Banquet)	$190
Full Conference* (Includes all Lunchs and a Banquet Each Evening)	$290
OTHER OPTIONS	
Additional Lunch Tickets	$40
Additional Banquet Tickets	$60
NWEA/NSAWWA Women in Water Breakfast (Limited to the first 50 Registrants)	Free

*** DOES NOT INCLUDE PRE-CONFERENCE SEMINAR OR PRE-CONFERENCE TRAININGS**

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2025 Award

George Warren Fuller Award
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2025 Awards

Public Works Leader of the Year

Denny Wilson, Sarpy County Engineer

Young Public Works Leader of the Year

Garrett Delgado, City of La Vista, Civil Engineer

Project Awards

Structure $5M to $25M
Papillion Clearwell and Accessory Building
City of Papillion, HDR, and Sampson Construction Co.

Transportation Small Communities
Capehart Road Reconstruction
City of Gretna, JEO Consulting Group, and Graham Construction

Transportation Less Than $5M
17th Street Rehabilitation, A to S Street
City of Lincoln, Olsson, and Dax Construction

Transportation $25M to $75M
168th Street Improvements: West Center Road to Q Street
City of Omaha, HDR, and Hawkins Construction Co.

Environmental Small Communities
East La Vista Sanitary Sewer & Pavement Rehabilitation
La Vista Public Works, HGM Associates, and NL&L Concrete

2025 Awards *(Continued)*

Project Awards *(Continued)*

Environmental $5M to $25M
Copper Creek Sewer Interceptor Relocation
City of Omaha, Benesch, and Hawkins Construction Co.

Environmental $25M to $75M
Monroe Street Lift Station Improvements
City of Omaha, CDM Smith, and Hawkins Construction Co.

Environmental More Than $75M
Southern Sarpy Wastewater System
Sarpy County and Cities Wastewater Agency, HDR, and Hawkins Construction Co.

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	Jeff Selden
Young Professionals	Brendon Bunker

2025 Awards

2025 High School Scholarship Winners

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Alex Miller

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At-Large Member	Sarah Espinosa
At-Large Member	Kaden Ellis

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Awards	Aaron Dressel
Bylaws	Darren Jack
Collection System	Adam Wilmes
Construction	Sarah Espinosa
Community and Belonging	Garrett Lane
Finance and Audit	Scott Aurit
Governmental Affairs	Jake Hansen
Great Plains	Sean Bell
Joint Fall Conference	Jeremy Walker
Manufacturers and Representatives Committee (MARC)	Monte Dakan
Membership	Keegan Bell
Nominating	Amit Shrivastrava
NWOC Advisory & Training	Joel Jirak
Pretreatment & Industrial Waste	Kaden Ellis
Public Communications & Outreach	Edie Gana
Public Education	Doug Loudon
Resource Recovery & Biosolids	Keegan Bell
Safety	John Geiser
Scholarship	Lucas Billesbach
Scott Wilber Award	Scott Seelhoff
Sponsorship	Daria Sakharova
Training	Ryan Hurst
Website	Ashley Slattery
William D. Hatfield Award	Ryan Hurst
Young Professionals	Ethan Hall

2025 Awards

Bedell Award

Chris Johnson (Gurney)

Burke Award

Fremont Wastewater Treatment Facility

5S Award

Scott Seelhoff (City of Fremont)
Lee Dunn (Gurney)

Golden Manhole Award

Adam Wilmes (Embris Group)
Eitan Tsabari (City of Omaha)
Douglas Echtenkamp (City of Wayne)

Hatfield Award

Dave Sykora (City of Omaha)

Innovation Award

Papillion Creek WRRF

Scott Wilber Awards

Large Facility Awardees
Grand Island WWTP
Lincoln Theresa Street WRRF
Omaha MO River WRRF
Lincoln Northeast WRRF
Saddle Creek RTB
Papillion Creek WRRF

Large Facility Best in Class
Fremont WWTP

Medium Facility Awardees
Columbus WWTF
Norfolk WWTF

Medium Facility Best in Class
North Platte WWTF

Small Facility Awardees
Aurora WRP
Chadron WWTP

Small Facility Best in Class
Wahoo WWTP

Industrial Awardees
Hornady Manufacturing Company
Michael Foods Wastewater Treatment

Industrial Best in Class
Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc.

Raffle Winner

Chuck Sliva (Columbus)

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2025 Awards *(Continued)*

Membership Milestones (20 to 50 Years)

50 Years
Mohamed Dahab

40 Years
Daryl Kottwitz
Patricia Nelson

35 Years
James McFarland
Bruce George

30 Years
Douglas Wheeler
Anthony Bilek

25 Years
Janet Strickland
Brian Bakke

20 Years
James Burroughs
Brian Kramer

Safety Awards

10+ OPERATORS

Gold
Fremont WWTP
Omaha Papillion Creek WRRF

Silver
Omaha Missouri River Water Resource Recovery Facility
Lincoln Theresa Street Water Resource Recovery Facility

Bronze
City of Grand Island Wastewater Treatment Facility

5-9 OPERATORS

Gold
City of Norfolk WPC
City of Chadron

Silver
North Platte Wastewater Treatment Plant
Omaha Saddle Creek RTB

Bronze
Columbus Wastewater Treatment Facility

1-4 OPERATORS

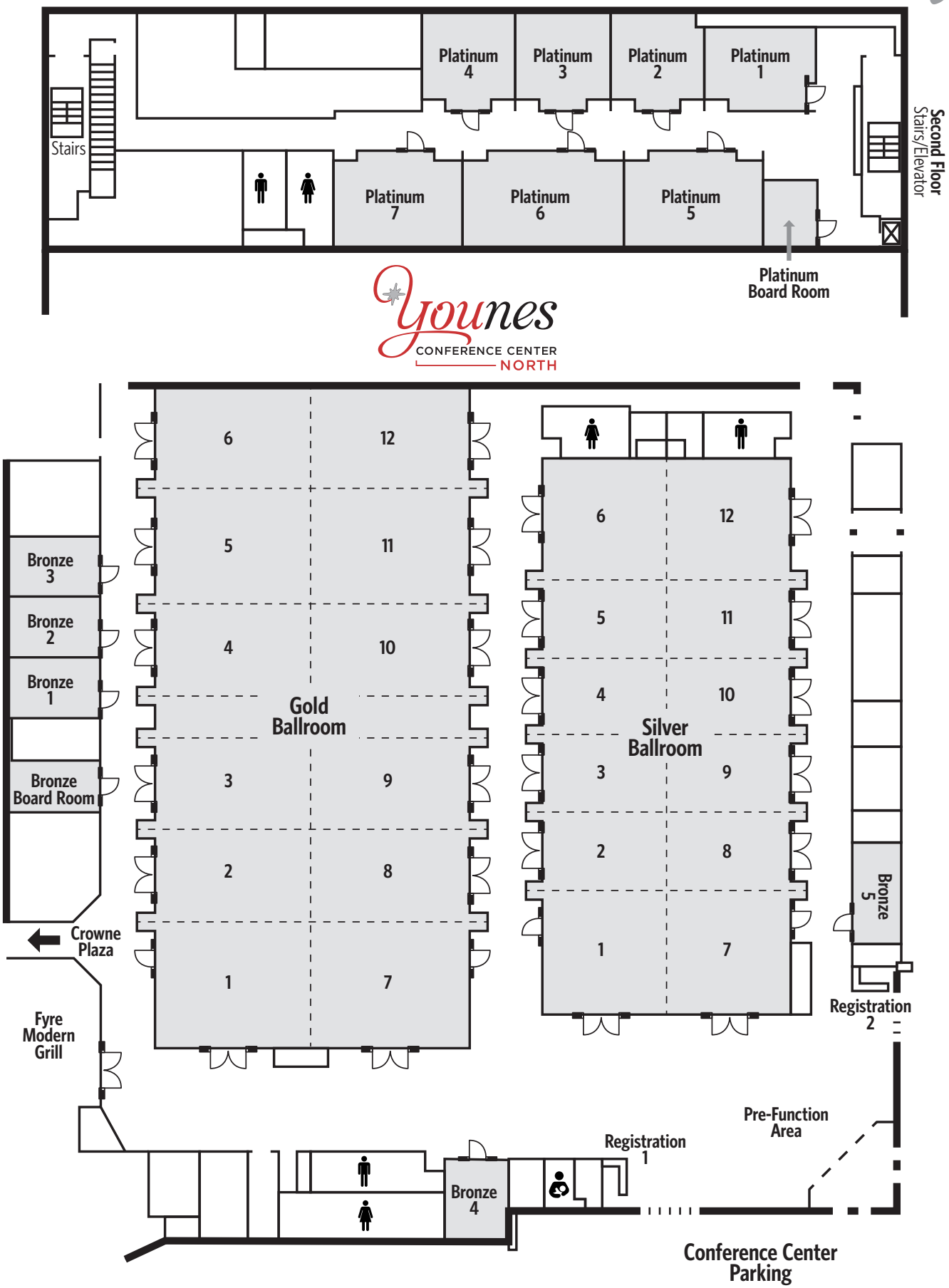
Gold
Lincoln Northeast Water Resource Recovery Facility

Silver
Aurora WWTP
Wahoo Wastewater Treatment Plant

INDUSTRIAL

Gold
Tyson Fresh Meats – Lexington Wastewater
Michael Foods Wastewater Treatment Plant

Silver
Hornady Manufacturing Company


Platinum 4
Platinum 3
Platinum 2
Platinum 1
Stairs
Second Floor
Stairs/Elevator
Platinum 7
Platinum 6
Platinum 5
Platinum Board Room
Younes
CONFERENCE CENTER
NORTH
Bronze 3
Bronze 2
Bronze 1
Bronze Board Room
Crowne Plaza
Fyre Modern Grill
Gold Ballroom
6
12
5
11
4
10
3
9
2
8
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7
Silver Ballroom
6
12
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Bronze 5
Registration 2
Pre-Function Area
Registration 1
Bronze 4
Conference Center Parking