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**BYRON-GAINES WATER SYSTEM NAMED PROJECT OF THE YEAR**

*Prein&Newhof project honored with public works award.*

GRAND RAPIDS, March 26, 2008. The Michigan Section of the American Public Works Association named the Byron-Gaines High Pressure District Water System its *2008 Project of the Year* in the Structural \$2-10 Million category.

Byron and Gaines Townships lie at the center of new growth around M-6 and US-131 – including major employers such as Davenport University, Metropolitan Hospital, Saint Mary's, and Spectrum Health. The award-winning system was designed to meet the water needs of this new development, and accommodate years of additional development around the 100<sup>th</sup> Street and US-131 corridor.

The \$5-million project created a new high-pressure water service district that will ultimately serve the southern half of Gaines Township and the higher elevations of Byron Township. It included a 1-million-gallon ground storage tank, a booster pumping station, and three miles of water main.

Celebrating more than 35 years of operation, Prein&Newhof is a full-service engineering firm that employs over 100 full-time personnel including engineers, surveyors, drafters, geologists, chemists, communication specialists and support staff. In addition to its offices in Grand Rapids, Holland, Byron Center, Muskegon and Kalamazoo, the firm also maintains its own environmental laboratory adjacent to its headquarters in Grand Rapids.

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