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PLAINFIELD NAMED ONE OF MICHIGAN'S BEST WELLHEAD PROGRAMS

Township honored for protecting its citizens' water from pollution.

GRAND RAPIDS, September 3, 2009. The American Water Works Association (Michigan Section) has honored Plainfield Charter Township with its *2009 Exemplary Wellhead Protection Program Award* for medium-sized water systems.

The award recognizes Plainfield's efforts to protect its 16-million-gallon-per-day water system by identifying potential threats to its groundwater, finding places where the groundwater is vulnerable, and educating the community. These efforts help to keep pollution from getting into Plainfield's water supply and contaminating it. The Township's wells supply water to over 30,000 people in Plainfield and Alpine Townships.

Plainfield was assisted by Prein&Newhof, who created a computer model to determine where the groundwater was vulnerable, located abandoned wells, and helped Plainfield Township with its public education plan.

Celebrating 40 years in business, Prein&Newhof is a full-service civil engineering firm that employs 90 full-time personnel including engineers, surveyors, drafters, geologists, chemists, communication specialists and support staff. In addition to its offices in Grand Rapids, Byron Center, Muskegon and Kalamazoo, the firm maintains its own environmental laboratory adjacent to its headquarters in Grand Rapids.

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