

**Butler County Department of Environmental Services**  
County Administration Building, 130 High Street, Hamilton, Ohio 45011



Contact: Dusty Dunaway, public relations coordinator  
Phone: (513) 509-8661  
E-mail: [dunawayde@butlercountyohio.org](mailto:dunawayde@butlercountyohio.org)

For Immediate Release  
March 11, 2008

### **BCDES RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN UTILITY MANAGEMENT**

The Butler County Department of Environmental Services (BCDES) recently received the Excellence in Management Recognition Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) for implementing progressive management initiatives that advance the goals of the Clean Water Act.

"BCDES has made significant efforts to maximize efficiency during an era of rising costs and ever expanding water quality challenges," said BCDES Director Susan Vance.

NACWA recognized member agencies that have implemented and sustained, for a continuous three-year period, successful programs that address the range of management challenges faced by clean water utilities in today's competitive environment. NACWA recognized BCDES for:

- Using 20-year master plans to improve and manage the expansion of its infrastructure, staff and departmental programs
- Controlling operational costs with preventative maintenance and appropriately using automation and technology
- Using process management tools, such as the National Biosolids EMS Certification process
- Creating a high level of customer satisfaction by meeting individual needs and making it easy and convenient to deal with BCDES

"Being recognized on a national level is further proof that we are meeting the water and wastewater demands of one of the fastest growing counties in Ohio," said Butler County Commissioner Charles Furmon.

-more-

## **Add 1 — BCDES Receives National Recognition**

“Butler County is committed to clean water and a healthy environment,” said Butler County Commissioner Gregory Jolivette.

“This achievement shows that Butler County’s investment in state-of-the-art facilities and programs is benefiting the environment,” said Butler County Commissioner Donald Dixon.

NACWA presented the award to BCDES at its 2008 Winter Conference, which was held February 5-8 in Phoenix, Arizona.

Governed by the Butler County Board of Commissioners, BCDES is a public utility providing essential services to a growing population of more than 100,000 Butler County residents in West Chester, Liberty, Fairfield, Hanover and Ross Townships. BCDES maintains and operates two regional water reclamation facilities - Upper Mill Creek and LeSourdsville. BCDES also operates four satellite treatment plants – New Miami, Wade Mill, Alamo Heights and Queen Acres. BCDES’ services include: water, wastewater treatment, and solid waste management.

*# # # #*