

Aqua Pennsylvania to Receive Award from the Crum Ridley Chester Creek Watershed Organization

BRYN MAWR, Pa.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. (Aqua) will be honored by the Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association (CRC) at the organization's 7th Annual Awards Dinner, to be held Thursday, November 3, 2011 at the White Manor Country Club in Malvern. Aqua Regional President Karl Kyriss will be accepting the award for Aqua.



Aqua Pennsylvania President Karl Kyriss will accept an award for the company from the Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association (CRC) at the organization's 7th Annual Awards Dinner, to be held Thursday, November 3, 2011 at the White Manor Country Club in Malvern. (Photo: Business Wire) The award notification letter from CRC Executive Director Anne Murphy and President Gary Snyder states, "Aqua will be honored for its 125 years of delivering clean water to residents in our area, and the many investments it has undertaken to provide sustainable management of water resources, state-of-the-art drinking water treatment technology, and conservation of natural resources."

Aqua has long been a partner with CRC in protecting the water resources of the Chester, Crum and Ridley creeks. The Company has provided financial, logistical and volunteer support for the organization's annual stream cleanups, riparian tree planting projects, and other activities and events. In 1999, Aqua acquired the Willistown Woods wastewater plant that discharges to the Ridley Creek and spent \$1.8 million completely rebuilding the plant, bringing it into environmental compliance. In the past four years, Aqua has invested more than \$1 million improving the former Media wastewater plant and collection system. These investments support the common goals of Aqua and CRC in protecting the water supply for about a quarter of a million people in Delaware County. The company has also invested \$33 million on upgrades to the Crum Creek Water Plant on Beatty Road and is presently embarking on a \$14 million upgrade to the Ridley Water Treatment Plant in Media.

CRC's annual dinner provides a forum to recognize individuals and organizations who have worked to sustain the local natural environment — making sure future generations can enjoy the same clean water, clean air, and inspiring natural venues that exist today.

Aqua is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year. The company traces its roots to the Springfield Water Company founded in 1886 by a group of Swarthmore College professors. The company has since grown to serve approximately 1.4 million residents in 30 counties throughout Pennsylvania, including about 1 million in southeastern Pennsylvania.

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