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Retired Public Works Director Recognized for Service at City Council Meeting

Newark, DE (January 14, 2013) – Newark’s Mayor and City Council extended a heartfelt thanks to former Public Works Director Rich Lapointe for his years of dedicated service to the City of Newark at its January 14 City Council meeting. Lapointe, hired in 1993, retired after twenty years with the city.

Lapointe supervised 46 employees in the Engineering, Maintenance, Refuse and Street Divisions and eventually had the responsibility for the systematic reduction of 9.5 positions through attrition and introducing more efficient operation methods that provided a savings of approximately \$750,000 annually to the city.

Lapointe made significant contributions in the Public Works Department by implementing many new programs including, but not limited to: automated residential refuse collection, single-family curbside and multi-family recycling programs, stormwater facility maintenance, maintenance of the Christina Creek, annual sidewalk inspection and repair, street crack sealing, NPDES stormwater quality, sidewalk cleaning of Main Street, and an ADA /ramp transition plan.

Lapointe oversaw many city projects including the replacement of the transfer station compactor and the underground fuel tanks, construction of a new warehouse, storage shed and salt storage shed, Rittenhouse Park bioengineering stream stabilization, city-wide sidewalk installation, the design and development of the Folk and Karpinski Parks, closure of the University of Delaware and Cleveland Avenue landfills, structure retrofit of the George Wilson Center, the design and development of the Iron Glen compost site, the installation of gabion revetment at Timberline Drive, and the review of 67 subdivisions.

Attached photo: Rich Lapointe honored by Mayor and City Council with resolution for service.

