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City of Marshall receives Excellence in Teamwork Award from CGMC

ST. PAUL—The City of Marshall was recognized by the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) July 25 during the Coalition’s three-day summer conference in Bemidji for its excellence in service to Greater Minnesota.

The Excellence in Teamwork Award is given to the elected officials and city staff from CGMC member cities who worked together to promote CGMC goals and priorities over the past year.

The city of Marshall has played a pivotal role in the CGMC’s efforts to increase funding for state grant and loan programs that help cities pay for critical clean water infrastructure projects. Led by City Administrator Sharon Hanson, Mayor Robert Byrnes and Marshall Municipal Utilities Manager Brad Roos, the city has been extremely active in helping lawmakers to better understand the needs of rural communities when it comes to paying for the improvements necessary to ensure that municipal water treatment facilities are able to adhere to state regulations and address environmental challenges.

“The elected officials and staff members from Marshall have been there every step of the way as we work on finding ways to help cities afford the necessary but expensive costs of improving their water treatment plants,” said Ron Johnson, a member of the Bemidji City Council and president of the CGMC. “From reaching out to legislators, testifying at the State Capitol, writing letters and more, the city of Marshall has been instrumental in making the case for the need for clean water infrastructure funding.”

CGMC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy organization representing 97 cities outside of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The Coalition educates legislators about issues important to Greater Minnesota.

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