

# Sen. Joan Hartley and Rep. Vincent Candelora **Named CWWA Legislators of the year**



Senator Joan V. Hartley (D-15) and Rep. Vincent Candelora (R-86) received the Connecticut Water Works Association's Legislator of the Year Awards for their outstanding leadership on issues affecting Connecticut's water resources. The Connecticut Water Works Association (CWWA) is an association of public water supply utilities that promotes state policies that assure reliable, high quality water supplies to protect the public health and safety.

"Sen. Hartley has demonstrated a deep commitment to public health, safety and environmental protection," said Maureen Westbrook of The Connecticut Water Company and CWWA Legislative Committee Officer. "As the Chair of the legislature's Regulations Review Committee, Sen. Hartley played a leadership role in balancing the competing interests of various stakeholders to help negotiate reasonable stream flow regulations to protect both our rivers and streams and the public health and safety of our citizens," Westbrook said. "Her efforts will ensure that Connecticut can move forward with stream flow regulations that will preserve public water supplies for future generations while protecting

the state's aquatic life," Westbrook added.

"Sen. Hartley's efforts were critical to getting people back to the table to negotiate more workable, balanced stream flow regulations. Due to her hard work, Connecticut can now move forward with reasonable policies affecting rivers and streams that balance the state's public health and welfare with the need to protect our environment and aquatic life," said Tom West of Southington Water and CWWA Legislative Committee Officer.

In presenting the award to Rep. Vincent Candelora, Carlene Kulisch, CWWA Legislative Committee Officer representing the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, said, "Rep. Candelora's commitment to thoroughly understanding issues affecting the state's water resources and the impact of laws and regulations on the quality and availability of public water supplies is deeply appreciated. His ability to weigh in on complex issues and work with stakeholders to address concerns was critical to developing more balanced stream flow regulations."

"Rep. Candelora clearly recognizes the need to craft laws affecting our water supplies in ways that balance environmental protection with other critical needs - public health, safety and economic development. We applaud his efforts to protect Connecticut's public water supplies to meet the needs of Connecticut's citizens and businesses."



CWWA Legislative Committee Officer Maureen Westbrook of the Connecticut Water Company presents the award to Senator Joan Hartley



Representative Candelora accepted the CWWA Legislator of the Year award from Carlene Kulisch, CWWA Legislative Committee Officer representing the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority.

"Rep. Candelora understands that Connecticut residents rely on public water supplies for public health, safety, agricultural and economic development needs. And, at the same time, he values protecting our rivers and streams to enhance the quality of life in Connecticut," Kulisch added.

The awards were presented at CWWA's Annual Fall Meeting held in Wallingford on October 21, which was attended by more than 150 water industry professionals. 💧