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Special Honor Bestowed on Peekskill Department of Public Works Head.

*Dave Greener Gets Cover Article in Respected Trade Publication
"Superintendent's Profile."*

Lengthy Article Pays Tribute to Innovation, Action, Success Over Last Five Years.

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PEEKSKILL, NY—In a tribute to the significant number of innovative, successful projects completed under his watch, David Greener, Peekskill's director of city services, department of public works, is the subject of a cover article in the May issue of Superintendent's Profile magazine.

A respected trade magazine, Superintendent's Profile spotlights heads of public works all over New York State who are doing exceptional work, says editor in chief Craig Mongeau. "It's an honor for the superintendent and a tribute to the town as well," he says. The article can be found on the internet at www.cityofpeekskill.com.

Cover articles in Superintendent's Profile are long and detailed to provide important information to other superintendents, Mongeau says. Factors spotlighted in the article include managerial style, ability to meet budgets, type of equipment used and scheduling. Greener has been exceptional in all of them, meeting time and financial constraints and even securing significant funds from state, county and federal sources.

"Dave says we took a risk when we promoted him, but identifying talent is an

important part of city government,” says Mayor John Testa. “His proven skills and abilities have created important new resources for our community at minimal expense to our taxpayers,” he says.

Specific projects spotlighted in the article include:

McGregory’s Brook Storm Water Project. Greener’s first project in his new position, this project completed an effort that had stalled under schedule and on-budget. In an unusual move, it utilized innovative rectangular culvert sections to avoid the costly process of digging up and relocating other buried utilities.

Upper Central Avenue. When eight foot-diameter galvanized pipes on the upper end of Central Avenue began to give way, Greener innovated again. He solved both drainage and parking problems by moving the underground route of McGregor’s Brook about 50 feet to one side—and in the process, unearthed 300 feet of lovely waterway and created Peekskill’s largest and most beautiful waterfall.

Griffith’s Pond. Once a popular swimming hole, this pond had become stagnant and unsavory. The DPW cleaned it up and transformed it back into a neighborhood asset.

Reconstruction of Tompkins Park. With a playground located at one end and Peekskill’s Little League ball field at another, Tompkins Park is one of the city’s most important recreational resources. Working with pipe left over from another project and local construction projects, Greener will wind up creating new playing fields, restoring a pond, and building another waterfall—all at minimal cost to taxpayers.

Planning and Construction of the New Water Treatment Facility. Stringent federal regulations are resulting in the creation of a new water treatment facility in Peekskill. Greener’s tight control of the project cut its budget by about 15% and have helped ensure that the \$30 million plus facility is moving forward on schedule and on budget.

Redeveloping the Waterfront. While Ginsburg Development’s plans for the waterfront have captured the public’s attention, the City of Peekskill is also doing considerable work down in the area. Projects underway include the Lincoln Train Station, the relocation of the Lent House, and creation of a number of new parks and other facilities.

The DPW will be working in all these areas over the summer.

Rebuilding Belden Street. Located in Peekskill's northwest corner, Belden is currently one of Peekskill's narrowest and least accessible streets. The project underway will see the roadway widened so it can act as an access road for Ginsburg's Abbey at St. Mary's project, in a way that will work out to the significant benefit of both Ginsburg and the city.

"Time and again, Dave Greener has come up with solutions that have created significant new assets for Peekskill at minimal cost to its residents. He well deserved this important honor," Mayor Testa says.

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