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Ray Funnye, Director of Public Services for Georgetown County, S.C., Wins APWA Presidential Leadership Award

Kansas City, MO – September 02, 2020 – The American Public Works Association (APWA) is honored to announce Ray Funnye, Director of Public Services for Georgetown County, South Carolina, has earned APWA’s Presidential Leadership award. Chosen by the outgoing APWA President, the Presidential Leadership award is presented to an APWA member who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in their community.

“Ray is not only an outstanding Public Services Director, but he has also fostered a culture within his community that values the giving of one’s time, talent and treasure,” said APWA Immediate Past-President William E. (Bill) Spearman III, P.E. “Ray is dedicated to developing the next generation of public works professionals who will confront the challenges of tomorrow effectively and sustainably. We are incredibly fortunate to have Ray as a member and leader of APWA, and we all look forward to his accomplishments and work to come.”



Ray’s boundless energy and enthusiasm for serving the public makes him a larger-than-life figure in Georgetown County. Ray is the Executive Director and Founder of The Village Group, an organization dedicated to youth development; a member of The Frances P. Bunnelle Foundation Board of Directors, dedicated to providing for the underserved in Georgetown County; and the Trustee Board treasurer of Bethel AME Church. Ray has inspired thousands of students at local Career Days and actively seeks interns from under-resourced locales and graduates of the Georgetown County Sheriff’s Reentry Program for employment opportunities. Ray is considered Georgetown’s go-to person on a myriad of levels in both a professional and personal context for their more than 61,000 residents.

As Director of Public Services for Georgetown County, Ray Funnye is fiscally, operationally, and managerially responsible for seven major divisions: the Georgetown County Airport, Public Works, Engineering/Capital Projects, Stormwater, Environmental Services, Fleet Services, and Facilities Services. During his more than 18 years in this role, Ray has earned his Master’s Degree in

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management, received numerous national and local awards, and secured a valuable accreditation for the County from the American Public Works Association.

“It is such an incredible honor and surprise to receive this award,” said Director Funnye. “I would like to thank my wife, staff, friends and colleagues for their support throughout my time here in Georgetown County and with APWA. This award is recognition of the amazing programs that I am proud to be a part of, and I look forward to seeing where our efforts take us.”

A member of APWA’s Government Affairs Committee, Director Funnye has been active for years in advocating for public works, and consistently shares his public works expertise with policymakers in order to support his community and the profession. Please be sure to subscribe to the *APWA Reporter*, and follow [@APWAGovAffairs](https://twitter.com/APWAGovAffairs) on Twitter to watch for APWA Government Affairs activity.

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About APWA

The American Public Works Association (www.apwa.net) is a not-for-profit, international organization of more than 30,000 members involved in the field of public works. APWA serves its members by promoting professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy, and the exchange of knowledge. APWA is headquartered in Kansas City, MO, has an office in Washington, D.C., and 63 chapters and 97 branches throughout North America.

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