NEWSLETTER

East Erie Bayfront Greenway Trail Park





We were happy to be part of the ribbon-cutting for the new East Erie Bayfront Greenway Trail Park! What was once four blighted properties in the City of Erie has been transformed into a vibrant neighborhood park — and a proud new anchor for the Greenway Trail. This green space gives residents a welcome place to gather, play, and enjoy the outdoors, and marks phase one of a growing network of community assets that will connect to trails and create green spaces for residents of all ages to enjoy.

The City of Erie and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Erie made sure the community had a real voice in shaping the park from the start. LSSE helped lead a series of engagement events that brought together local artists, residents, and neighborhood stakeholders alongside Public Works and City officials — collaborating a finished space that reflected the character of the neighborhood while connecting it to the city at large.

We want to thank the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Erie for the opportunity to design this beautiful public amenity, and Cronin Enterprises for their help in bringing the project to life.

Dedication of the AMERICAL Division Memorial

On September 28th, members and friends of the AMERICAL Division Veterans Association (ADVA) gathered at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies to dedicate a monument honoring the veterans of the AMERICAL Division.







Lennon and Bleier address the attendees

Former LSSE President and AMERICAL veteran Lawrence Lennon, Sr., serves as the ADVA Jr. Vice Commander and the Director of the AMERICAL Legacy Foundation. Lennon organized the dedication ceremony and was involved in the monument placement.

In attendance was former Steeler and AMERICAL veteran Rocky Bleier, who made the Memorial Dedication. The South Hills Honor Guard recited the Soldiers' Prayer along with a rifle salute and taps.

We want to thank Larry and all veterans for their dedicated service in protecting our country!



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Save the Date

- December 4th - Northern Holiday Party
- December 11th - Pittsburgh Holiday Party

PROJECT SPOTLIGHTS

Village of Lawrence Sewage Facilities Project



Cecil Township Municipal Authority (CTMA), located in Washington County, Pennsylvania, provides sewer service throughout Cecil Township via a network of satellite systems, individual treatment plants, and connections to neighboring municipal authorities.

In 2014, Senate Engineering, now a part of LSSE, completed an Act 537 Facility Plan Update recommending a new collection system and treatment plant for the Village, along with converting the adjacent Teodori treatment plant into a pump station to feed the new facility.

CTMA asked LSSE to conduct a review of the project. LSSE's recommendations, focused primarily on the Teodori Pump Station and Lawrence Treatment Plant, delivered meaningful cost savings, and were adopted by CTMA. As part of that review, LSSE also developed a user rate analysis and 5-year budget plan to help CTMA manage rising costs across this project and others, including a steep increase in sewage disposal fees from a neighboring authority.

LSSE redesigned the treatment plant and lift station sites, secured funding assistance, and provided construction-phase services. LSSE completed the design and permitting, obtained a PENNVEST construction loan and a US EPA Congressional Appropriation Grant, and provided engineering support throughout construction.

LSSE also prepared easements for the sewer and treatment plant construction and participated in public informational meetings, both before construction to support CTMA's easement acquisition, and again near the project's completion, to update residents on progress.

The new collection system was completed in 2024, and the Village of Lawrence's new treatment plant came online in 2025.

Leet Township Park



Leet Township residents can now enjoy an improved park. LSSE helped the Township secure a GEDTF Grant through Allegheny County and guided the project through planning, design, bidding, and construction, resurfacing worn-out sports courts, adding a new playground, and creating the first phase of a Veterans Memorial Plaza.

The sports courts got a full makeover with new vinyl-coated fencing, fresh color coating for the basketball, deck hockey, and pickleball courts, plus new movable equipment for hockey and pickleball play. A brand-new playground was also added, with Township crews handling installation and LSSE providing layout and project support along the way.

The new Veterans Memorial Plaza offers a meaningful space for reflection, featuring a new sidewalk along the property frontage, a dedicated seating area, and colorful landscaping to honor those who served.





This project is a great example of the hands-on, collaborative approach LSSE brings to every community it serves.

GENERAL UPDATES

Regulatory Notices

Annual Reports for PAG-02 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permits for Discharges of Stormwater Associated with Construction Activities are due by December 7, 2026.

Those affected: Permittees of PAG-02 NPDES General Permits for Discharges of Stormwater Associated with Construction Activities

Requirements: The completed National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Discharges of Stormwater Associated with Construction Activities Annual Report form (ID number of 3800-PM-BCW0405e) must be filled out and submitted to the applicable conservation district between October 1, 2026, and December 7, 2026.

Why this matters: Failure to submit an annual report in accordance with the permit conditions constitutes a violation of your permit and may subject you to civil penalties.

Questions?
If you have questions or need guidance, contact Sara E. Kovac at skovac@lsse.com

Grants and Funding

During March 2026 – October 2026, we are pleased to announce recent funding awards totaling $42.96 M:

- CFA LSA – Statewide: $10.9 million
- Allegheny County CDBG - $1.15 million
- PENNVEST: $14.9 million in grants and $16.01 million in loans

Questions? Talk to the grants team!

- Josh Callender, E.I.T. (jcallender@lsse.com)
- Wyatt Dishler (wdishler@lsse.com)
- Drew Null, P.E. (dnull@lsse.com)
- Emily Palmer (epalmer@lsse.com)
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- Edward Locher (elocher@lsse.com)

Welcome New Clients!

- GG Adams 2024, LLC
- Davis Demolition & Excavating, LLC
- Slippery Rock Municipal Authority
- Allegheny Township - Butler County
- Integra Excavating
- Westmoreland County Commissioners

PASPGP-6 (Pennsylvania State Programmatic General Permit-6) Authorizations expired on June 30, 2026. PASPGP-7 replaced the prior permit effective July 1, 2026.

Those affected: Permittees previously authorized under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued PASPGP-6 in conjunction with a PADEP authorized permit.

Requirements: If the PADEP authorization (associated with the PASPGP-6) has expired, construction of regulated work was not commenced or under contract to commence prior to June 30, 2026, or the project does not meet the eligibility criteria of the new PASPGP-7, the applicant must reapply for permit authorization.

Why this matters: Failure to verify permit status prior to work commencement may subject you to civil penalties.

Questions?
If you have questions or need guidance, contact John R. Heyl, P.E., CPESC at john.heyl@lsse.com

The LSSE Scholarship with Slippery Rock University

We are proud to continue the LSSE Civil Engineering Scholarship at Slippery Rock University's School of Engineering. This past summer, we were honored to welcome one of the recipients, Malia Langston, as an intern in our Municipal Department.

"From being a recipient of LSSE's scholarship to working as an MS4 Intern over the summer, I am more than grateful for the experiences that have been extended to me. LSSE has provided me with new skills and positive thoughts as I continue my civil engineering studies at Slippery Rock University! Thank you, LSSE!"

- *Malia Langston*

25 Years with the Pittsburgh Area Chamber of Commerce



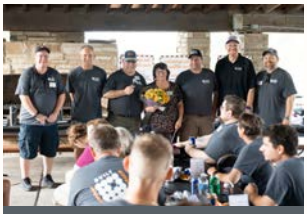
John Heyl, P.E., CPESC and Ned Mitrovich, P.E. accept the award from PAACC President, Chris Heck

We want to thank the Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce for being a resource for local businesses, and we are looking forward to the next 25 years!

STAFF NEWS

Retirements

We want to thank two team members for their service and dedication to LSSE:



Managing Principals and Principals celebrated V. Ninness's time with LSSE at the picnic.

After 27 years in the Clerical Department, Veronica Ninness has retired, and after nearly 5 years in the Traffic Department, Mike Babusci has also retired.

We are deeply grateful for their years of commitment and wish them all the best.

Welcome to the Team

- Ashton Bellora
- CJ Miller, PE
- Gina Maxin
- Ed Locher
- John Pituch
- Breanne Astrella
- Jakub Obman
- Andrew Foringer
- Alex Clifford
- Tristan Zawalsh
- Mitchell Valentine
- Rhett Kahn, E.I.T.
- Nick Cosper
- Jacob Caringola
- Walker Daggett, E.I.T.
- Rachel Smith
- Kaitlyn Draudt
- Dakota Ruland
- Brayden Hyder
- Samantha Dull
- Noah Kessler
- Brian Smay
- Bill Schollaert
- Ariana Clark
- Dustin Buty

Certifications & Licenses

Congratulations to:

- Congratulations to Walker Daggett, Jacob Caringola, and Anna Donaldson, all of whom recently received their Engineer-in-Training (E.I.T.) certification.

Department Changes

Congrats on your new role!

- Matt Pitsch is now the Senate Division Manager
- Rich Kauffman will serve as Assistant Branch Manager for the Senate Division
- Matt Swanson is now Northwest Division Manager
- Jon Smith has been named Supervisor of the Northwest Branch Surveys Unit
- John Valinsky has been named Assistant Unit Manager of the Municipal/MS4/GIS Unit
- Jessica Brett is now the Municipal Coordinator
- Josh Callender has been named Grant Administration Manager and Clarion Branch Manager
- David Kovac will serve as Technical and Field Advisor for Municipal projects

LSSE Graduates

- Alex Clifford completed his Master's in Sustainable Environmental Management from Chatham in August
- Tristan Zawalsh received a Bachelor of Science degree in Surveying and Mapping Technology from the University of Akron

Congrats Newlyweds

Congrats to the newlyweds!

- David Dare celebrated his wedding on September 6th
- Daniel Rader celebrated his wedding on September 13th
- Logan Jacobs celebrated his wedding on September 19th
- Jared Hart celebrated his wedding on October 18th

LSSE Newborns

- Brion Zacherl and Anna welcomed Rosemary on October 16th.
- Nathan Mathewson and Kyra welcomed Lucia on April 16th.

Congrats on your new additions!





Annual Company Picnic



Managing Principals

Kevin A. Brett, P.E.
Ned Mitrovich, P.E.
Jason E. Stanton, P.E.

Principals

John R. Heyl, P.E., CPESC
Lawrence J. Lennon, Jr., P.E.
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