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Catherine Young has announced that she will be retiring from her position as Superintendent of the Binghamton Johnson City Joint Wastewater Treatment Plant effective March 29, 2019. Ms. Young received a Bachelor of Science focused in Bacteriology, Environmental and Natural Sciences from University of Wisconsin-Madison and has over 30 years of experience in the environmental field. She began her career in the private sector working for an Ohio environmental engineering firm. She relocated to New York and worked in both the public and private sector. Since 2006, she has served as the Superintendent of the treatment plant, with full dedication to the environment, community, employees and board members. In that role, she worked with multiple local governmental entities, as well as state and federal regulatory agencies to guide the plant through two major flood recovery efforts and earned the Public Works Leader of the Year Award in 2007 from the American Public Works Association local chapter for her efforts.

She has always been an advocate for the protection of the environment and noted that she was grateful for the opportunity to lead the facility in that endeavor. "As the Superintendent of the treatment plant, I worked with exemplary staff and dedicated board members and I will miss being a part of that team. Together we guided our facility through shifting federal, state, and local requirements to meet the increased demands of pollutant and nutrient removal and treatment, and to confront the growing challenges of flooding and of climate change."

Young's tenure began as the board was facing challenges with both management and process changes in 2004. She guided the plant through many accomplishments of the past years, including the transition from a nonskilled labor force to a predominantly trades and New York State DEC wastewater licensed Civil Service workforce, the development of a flow management plan, the construction of a flood wall, and the completion of several other major construction projects.

Ms. Young is looking forward to taking some time off to relax and recharge before shifting her focus to other personal and professional endeavors, including her environmental consulting business, Worth Environmental, Inc., as well as the family farm.

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