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## In The News

### **Project Highlight – Laketon Township Safe Routes 2 School Pathway**

Johnson & Anderson, Inc. recently completed the design and construction of 1.3 miles of concrete sidewalks for the community of Laketon Township. The sidewalks are located along Horton and Giles Roads and serve as a connection between local residential neighborhoods and the Reeths-Puffer Elementary and Middle School Complex. J&A assisted the Township in obtaining grant funding through the Federal Highway Administration's Safe Routes 2 School Program (SR2S), an international movement to make it safe, convenient, and fun for children to bicycle and walk to school. J&A teamed with the Township, Reeths-Puffer Schools and the Muskegon County Road Commission to bring this important project to fruition.

Please visit our website at: <http://ja-engr.com> for information on other projects of note.



### **J&A Staff to Present at the Mi-AWWA Annual Conference in September**

We are happy to announce J&A staff will be presenting on innovative projects at the Michigan's American Water Works Association Annual Conference, being held September 15-18 in Sault Ste. Marie. Bill Popp, P.E., Kristin Goetze, P.E., and Justin Sand, P.E. will be in attendance, discussing successful water main projects in the City of Pontiac and Charter Township of Waterford. Terry Biederman, P.E. will participate in a round table discussion on metering. We hope to see you in September!

### **J&A Staff Invited to Comment on Draft Michigan Water Strategy**

J&A staff has been invited to participate in a statewide panel through the Michigan Water Environment Association (MWEA) to provide comments to the Office of the Great Lakes on their draft Water Strategy, 'Sustainable Michigan Water Heritage, A Strategy for the Next Generation'. Comments are requested until Friday, August 28.

Key recommendations in the strategy include:

- Achieving a 40 percent reduction to phosphorus in the western Lake Erie basin
- Preventing the introduction of new aquatic invasive species and controlling established populations
- Supporting investments in commercial and recreational harbors and maritime infrastructure
- Developing a water trails system
- Accelerating water technologies to address critical water problems using an entrepreneurial, business-led initiative
- Establishing a durable water fund to achieve water strategy goals including water infrastructure managements