



CITY OF MERIDIAN

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## **MERIDIAN RECEIVES NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

MERIDIAN - The National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) selected the City of Meridian as a recipient of the 2015 National Environmental Achievement Award for the City's educational video series titled [\*It Starts at Home\*](#). The animated series was put together by the Environmental Division of the City of Meridian's Public Works Department. The videos provide insights into the City's operations and sustainability efforts when it comes to drinking water, wastewater utilities as well as trash and recycling.

"We want our residents to feel engaged and part of that engagement includes education," said Mayor Tammy de Weerd. "I am very proud of what our Environmental Division has accomplished with these videos, because the series not only educates, but it also encourages our citizens to be stewards of our utilities and our natural resources."

"We are thrilled to be recognized for this award," said Environmental Division Manager Mollie Mangerich. "The goal of this program was not only to raise public awareness, but we also hoped to have an impact on the community's environmental quality. We want our residents to know the operations side of these components, and how they can play a role in the sustainability factors."

The NACWA Awards Committee says the award celebrates the City of Meridian's commitment to innovation and environmental stewardship.

NACWA represents the interests of more than 300 public agencies and organizations, serving the majority of the "sewered" population in the United States. In Idaho - Meridian and Boise are the only two cities that are NACWA members.

To view the [\*It Starts at Home\*](#) educational series visit our website, [www.meridiancity.org](http://www.meridiancity.org).

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The City of Meridian is located in the center of the Treasure Valley in southwest Idaho. Founded in 1893 and incorporated as a city in 1903, Meridian is now one of Idaho's largest and fastest growing communities. Meridian is cited by Money Magazine as one of its Top 50 Best Places to Live, and by America's Promise Alliance and ING as one of the nation's 100 Best Communities for Young People. For more information, visit [www.meridiancity.org](http://www.meridiancity.org).