

## **Wahoo Wins Regional and National Titles**

Earlier this year, Wahoo Wastewater Treatment Plant was named the Georgia Wastewater Treatment Plant of the Year. We are now proud to announce that not only did Wahoo go on to win the Southeast region award, but the National award as well.

After undergoing rigorous inspections to be selected for the state award, plant staff were required to select three processes on which to elaborate and report for consideration for the regional and later national awards, both sponsored by the EPA. Wahoo's reports focused on Biosolids Management, Operations and Maintenance Reviews and Best Management Practices and Safety Education. After competing against plants from seven other states and winning the region award, Wahoo's entry was placed into consideration for the national award. Matt Kuehl, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor, accepted the award on NU's behalf at the national ceremony held October 20 in Chicago. The regional award will be presented at a later date.

"We're very proud of this tremendous accomplishment and of all of the employees who worked to make it a reality," said Brandon Lovett, Director of Water Operations. "It has been quite an education. Not only has our plant gained national recognition competing against hundreds of other plants, but the work we've put into it will allow for more efficient regular inspections and many other worthwhile benefits."

"We now have a blueprint we can use for years to come," said Kuehl. "Our processes fall in line with one of our missions to protect the environment. This process has helped us go above the call of duty ten-fold in processing healthy water to be passed along."

Congratulations to all of the Wahoo staff and thank you for all you do.