



APWA

Public Works Leader of the Year Nomination

INTRODUCTION

To the APWA Awards Committee:

On behalf of the City of Greensburg, it is my distinct privilege to nominate our Street Commissioner, Mark Klosterkemper, for the 2026 Public Works Leader of the Year Award.

Mark is not only a valuable member of our leadership team but a dedicated public servant whose career in local government spans over three decades.

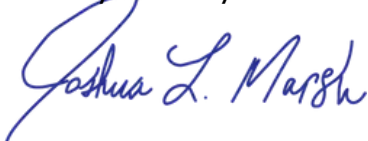
His journey began in 1995 when he was elected as a Decatur County Commissioner. In 2008, he brought that wealth of experience to the City of Greensburg, joining us as the Street and Sanitation Commissioner. Since then, he has redefined the role through his unwavering commitment to infrastructure and community welfare.

During his tenure, Mark has overseen the reconstruction of miles of road, oversaw the \$9 million new street department facility to better serve his team with adequate amenities, and managed major multi-year projects that fundamentally improve the quality of daily life for our residents. Yet, his impact goes beyond asphalt and concrete; he leads his team with a unique blend of professional authority and genuine camaraderie, fostering a culture where employees feel valued and motivated.

In addition to his nearly 31 years in public service, Mark is a true pillar of the community who extends his expertise beyond city limits. He frequently assists neighboring towns in navigating complex INDOT regulations and requirements, ensuring the entire region benefits from his knowledge. On a personal level, his heart for service is evident in his volunteer work, where he assists local nonprofit organizations and helps elderly residents with their yearly tax filings.

Mark Klosterkemper embodies the spirit of public works: selfless, skilled, and community-focused. He is highly deserving of this recognition.

Thank you for your consideration,



Joshua Marsh
Mayor, City of Greensburg

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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROJECTS

Zach Wirrig
Director of Public Projects
City of Greensburg

January 27, 2026

To the Indiana APWA Awards Committee:

I am honored to recommend Mark Klosterkemper, Street Commissioner for the City of Greensburg, Public Works Leader of the Year. Mark exemplifies the qualities this award seeks to recognize—exceptional leadership, dedication to public service, innovation, and a lasting positive impact on both his community and the street/transportation profession.

Mark leads by example always willing to pitch in when needed but has built a team that is able to continue their day to day functions as they have been instructed. All of his team members know what is expected and willing to go above and beyond as needed. The team bond that has been created in their department is shown every day as they work together to achieve each days task.

Under Mark's leadership, Greensburg has seen significant improvements in roadway maintenance, snow and ice control, and infrastructure upgrades. He has championed cost-saving measures and introduced innovative practices that enhance safety and efficiency. His commitment to proactive planning has minimized disruptions and ensured timely completion of critical projects, directly benefiting residents and businesses. Mark is always willing to take time out of his day to listen to citizens and do his best to help solve any concerns they see need addressed.

Mark goes above and beyond in his role as Street Commissioner. His abilities to repair equipment to his vast knowledge and understanding of construction means and specifications to his understanding of INDOT funding and state and federal compliance makes him invaluable to the City. There is not a topic that comes across his desk that he is not able to address or find the answers. Mark maintains relationships with everyone in his network from repair techs to INDOT management that allows him to do his job better than any other. You can see the level of respect that he has gained from all that work with him.

Sincerely,

Zach Wirrig
City of Greensburg

Indiana Chapter APWA Selection Committee –

I am honored to write this letter of recommendation in support of Mark Klosterkemper for the Public Works Leader of the Year Award.

I have had the privilege of working with Mark for the past several years as a consultant partner to the City of Greensburg. Throughout that time, we have collaborated on projects of varying scope and complexity, and he has consistently distinguished himself as an exceptional public servant with a deep commitment to his community.

Mark brings a rare combination of technical excellence, dedication, heart, and humor to his work. Whether he is leading a complex, multi-phased infrastructure project or handling a small day-to-day task, he approaches his work with an extraordinary level of care, attention to detail, and integrity. His decisions are always guided by what is best for the city and its residents, and he never loses sight of the real human impact behind the work. He thinks creatively, embraces new approaches, and asks thoughtful questions to best serve the community he loves deeply.

Beyond his professional excellence, Mark is simply a joy to be around. He brings warmth, authenticity, and a sense of humor that make every project better and every partnership stronger. His genuine love for his work, his city, and the people he serves shines through in everything he does. Whether he is navigating complex infrastructure challenges or proudly sharing stories about his beloved granddaughter, it is impossible to work with Mark and not feel inspired by his pride, passion, and commitment.

Mark represents the very best of public works leadership, and I can think of no one more deserving of the Public Works Leader of the Year designation. I am truly honored to support his nomination.

Sincerely,

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January 19, 2026

APWA Awards Committee, Indiana Chapter
C/O Mr. Shan R. Gunawardena
Chair, Awards Committee
200 East Berry Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Dear APWA Awards Committee, Indiana Chapter:

I am writing to recommend Mark J. Klosterkemper, City of Greensburg, IN Street and Sanitation Commissioner, be selected for the Public works Leader of the Year Award for 2026. I have known and work with Mark for over thirty years.

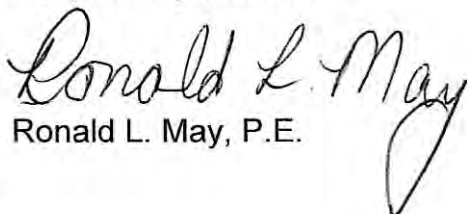
I first met Mark when he was a County Commissioner for Decatur County, IN where he along with his two fellow Commissioners managed not only the executive branch of County government but oversaw the operation of the County Highway Department. I later worked with Mark at a consulting engineering firm where we delivered engineering services to numerous local units of government.

Later, I served nine years as the City Engineer for the City of Greensburg, IN, where I worked with Mark on numerous transportation, drainage and other projects. During our joint tenure with the City I found Mark to be dedicated to serving the public. He has always been a good steward of public resources, both financial and personnel. We jointly worked on over ten major projects, predominately transportation related and numerous day to day interaction involved in interaction of our two departments. Mark was fully involved in the scoping, development, financing and implementation of those projects with his generally being responsible for providing the financial management function.

When Mark took over the position of Street and Sanitation Commissioner, that department operated on a "because we always did it that way" mentality out of the 1950s. Today he has modernized the departments operation to one of progressive and proactive that can be found anywhere.

Having worked for over fifty years with public officials, I have never encountered anyone more dedicated to the service of the public than Mark. You cannot make a better selection for the award than Mark and I encourage you to select him as the Public works Leader of the Year Award for 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,


Ronald L. May, P.E.

Employment Record

Mark Klosterkemper



City of Greensburg | 2008- Current

Street Commissioner

- Oversaw the construction of a \$9 million new Street Department Facility
- Oversee the maintenance and repair of all city infrastructure, including paving, snow removal, landscaping, and signage, ensuring compliance with safety standards.
- Manage department staffing, including hiring, training, performance management, and daily work assignments.
- Develop long-range strategic plans for street maintenance, prioritizing projects based on community needs and available resources.
- Administer the department budget, authorizing expenditures and managing the procurement process for large equipment and supplies.
- Serve as Project Manager for federal aid construction initiatives and liaison to the Redevelopment Commission.
- Represent the department at City Council and Safety meetings, presenting reports and resolving resident complaints regarding streets and sanitation.

AECON Inc, Engineers and Consultants| 2002-2008

Project Liaison

- Function as liaison between staff, clients, and project contractors earning their confidence with reliable follow-through and clear communication
- Manage construction projects efficiently ensuring that deadlines, design standards, client expectations, and budget were met
- Partner with project design teams and various regulatory agencies to assure that all aspects of the project are completed throughout development
- Serve as client's public relations personnel on construction projects working with adjoining property owners, media, and governmental agencies
- Conduct public meetings on right-of-way acquisition along with individual negotiations for acquisition; manage team effort of appraisers and surveyors
- Perform market research, develop sales literature, prepare proposals, and deliver presentations to prospective clients

Decatur County Commissioner | 1995-2002

- Responsible for business operation of County government; filled the team role as the budgetary and financial manager; information technology advisor to various departments
- Co-managed the \$5.3 million expansion and renovation of the county courthouse from initial concept through completed construction
- initiated the consolidation of three county highway facilities into one efficient and streamlined operation resulting in additional resources available for infrastructure improvements
- Investigated alternate materials and procedures for the paving of county roads that led to additional gravel roads surfaced

H & M Klosterkemper & Associates | 1981-2002

Public Accountant

- Co-owner of accounting and tax preparation practice that expanded from 400 to more than 1000 clients by providing timely and accurate professional services
- Implemented an integrated network firm-wide computer system that increased productivity
- Provided consultation to various small business ventures that have proven to be highly successful

Education

Bachelor of Science, Industrial Management | Purdue University, 1975–1980

Construction Technician Program | Indiana Department of Transportation

Diploma Program | Indiana Association of Counties

Additional Training

Additional Construction Seminars, Purdue University & LTAP

Budget, Tax, Personnel, and Practice Management Course, Indiana Society of Public Accountants

Project Management and Project Delivery Courses, American Council of Engineering Companies

Technical & Managerial Accomplishments

Mark has defined his tenure through a strategic modernization of the Street Department. He spearheaded a comprehensive fleet and equipment overhaul, replacing outdated assets to improve safety and efficiency. Beyond hardware, Mark integrated data-driven workflows into daily operations, moving the department from reactive repairs to proactive management. Crucially, he leverages his private-sector engineering background to refine project scopes and bid specifications, providing a level of technical oversight that ensures the City maximizes the value of every infrastructure dollar.

Publications & Presentations

Mark is an excellent presenter who bridges the gap between technical engineering and public policy. He leads the city's annual presentations to the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), successfully securing funding for the Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG) and the Park Road Reconstruction Project year after year. Beyond his job duties, Mark acts as a regional resource, assisting neighboring small towns to help them navigate complex INDOT regulations for their own presentations for funding requests. Locally, he is defined by his ability to distill complicated infrastructure challenges into actionable insights during regular presentations to the City Council and Board of Public Works.

Community Service

As a Greensburg native, Mark Klosterkemper is deeply invested in the fabric of our community, with a service record that extends well beyond his official duties. He is the logistical backbone of Greensburg's cultural life, consistently volunteering outside of work hours to manage road closures and safety setups for festivals, downtown concerts, and charity 5Ks.

Uniquely, Mark also leverages his background as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) to serve vulnerable populations. He dedicates significant personal time to providing pro bono tax assistance to elderly residents and local non-profit organizations, helping them navigate complex financial filings at no cost. Mark's blend of hands-on service and professional expertise makes him a true pillar of the Greensburg community.



New Street Department Facility Groundbreaking



New Street Department Facility Ribbon Cutting & Aerial View



Street Department Tour with State Treasurer Daniel Elliott



Street Department School Visits & Holiday Walk Parade Float



Street Department CPR Training & High School Job Fair