

JERSEY WATER WORKS

Smart infrastructure. Strong communities.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



SHORT-TERM SOLUTION FOR A LONG-TERM PROBLEM

Students in Newark’s public schools go on bottled water since news broke earlier this month that students may have been exposed to lead since at least 2012. Photos courtesy of [Community FoodBank of New Jersey](#).

- [Lead in Newark Schools' Water Dates Back to At Least 2012](#) (NJ.com)
- [NJDEP and Newark Public Schools Provide Update on District Water Status](#) (NJDEP)
- [In Light of Lead, Newark Mayor Calls for N.J. Water Infrastructure Overhaul](#) (NJ.com)

BUILD IT GREEN COMPETITION

CALLING ALL CSO COMMUNITIES!



The [Build it Green Competition](#) (BIG) is a new opportunity for municipalities and utilities to receive technical assistance and engineering support services to design innovative, financeable projects that reduce combined sewer overflows (CSOs) while also making neighborhoods and downtowns better places to live, work and invest.

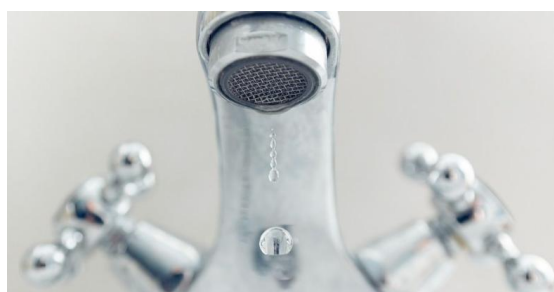
If you are a CSO city or utility, we hope you’ll apply! You may view [application guidelines here](#). For more information visit [NJFuture.org/BIG](#). Applications are due April 15, 2016.



LATEST FROM THE JERSEY WATER WORKS BLOG



[Forum Roundup: Cities, Redevelopers Join Forces to Tackle Floodproofing, Sewer Upgrades](#) Representatives from Hackensack, Hoboken and Gloucester City detailed how they



[From River to Tap: How Your Water Is Cleaned and Delivered](#) When you turn on the water to take a shower, do you ever think about where your water comes from? Each community in New

are engaging redevelopers in a number of ways to meet the challenge of flooding, aging infrastructure and climate change.

Jersey has a unique tale as to where its water comes from, how it is delivered, and its quality.

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

[2016 Camden SMART Forum](#)

On April 20, the Camden SMART Forum will cover successful integration of green across sectors. Panels include: 1. Art, Design and Community Engagement to Stabilize and Rebuild Neighborhoods, 2. Building a Workforce for Green.

[A NJ Spotlight Roundtable: New Jersey's Hidden Water Crisis](#)

On April 1, four Jersey Water Works members will speak about how well New Jersey is positioned to provide safe and affordable water to residents.

- **Dennis W. Doll** of Middlesex Water Company;
- **Peggy Gallos** of Association of Environmental Authorities of New Jersey;
- **Dan Kennedy** of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection;
- **Daniel Van Abs** of Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Sciences



COMMITTEE PROGRESS

Jersey Water Works committees all met in March and have begun working on collaborative actions! Stay tuned for the release of the collaborative's work plan next week on jerseywaterworks.org

Ready to [join](#)? The Jersey Water Works collaborative is a great opportunity to influence (and accomplish!) our collaborative goals. To join, email [Max Brekke](mailto:Max.Brekke).

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE NEWS

[Now is Time to Act on Water Infrastructure in New Jersey](#) (*PotlickerNJ*). Assemblyman John McKeon (D-27) calls for robust action to ensure safe drinking water in New Jersey. He notes that the [Drinking Water Task Force](#) will focus on understanding what actions the state needs to take.

[Jersey City Mayor Steven Fulop Lead Update](#) (*Jersey City*). Mayor Fulop announces proactive steps to prevent lead contamination in its water supply, including testing and hiring independent contractors to test water quality.

[Fact Sheet: Working Together to Build a Sustainable Water Future](#) (*The White House*). The White House shines a spotlight on the importance of cross-cutting, creative solutions to solving the water problems of today by announcing [new efforts and commitments](#) to enhance the sustainability of water in the United States.

[After Flint, New York and New Jersey Lawmakers Hope To Prevent A Water Crisis At Home](#) (*Huffington Post*). Rep. Bill Pascrell (D-N.J.) and Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) have introduced companion bills in the House and the Senate to fund lead testing.

[Turning Stormwater Runoff Into Everyone's Business](#) (*CityLab*). Prudential invested \$1.7 million in the recently founded District Stormwater LLC. This company, affiliated with The Nature Conservancy, will work with property owners to install green improvements for free in exchange for [stormwater retention credits](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS

[Princeton Environmental Film Festival](#), April 2-10, 2016. On April 6 at 7 pm, Jersey Water Works members Hon. James J. Florio from Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt & Fader, LLC, Chris Sturm from New Jersey Future, and Jonathan C. Kaledin from Natural System Utilities will address key issues about the health of our water systems from global to local. Water films to be shown include *Sonic Sea* April 6;

Treaty Talks April 7; *After the Spill* April 8; *The Hudson: A River at Risk* April 9; *A Watershed Moment: The Delaware River Bain* (festival premiere) April 10.

[NJPDES Municipal Stormwater Permit Renewal](#), April 12, 2016. The New Jersey Clean Water Council seeks public testimony on the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Preliminary Draft Renewal of the stormwater permits issued to municipalities authorizing the discharge of stormwater from municipal stormwater systems.

[Raritan River Week](#), April 16-30, 2016. During this week New Jersey organizations will be hosting various events to promote clean and safe waterways throughout the state. **[Find an event](#)** near you.

[Complying with Stormwater Regulations Workshop](#), May 13, 2016. This outreach and technical assistance program will provide guidance and direction on the benefits and opportunities of implementing green infrastructure practices.

[The New Jersey Water Environment Association 101st John J. Lagrosa Conference & Exposition](#), May 16-20, 2016. Don't miss Jersey Water Works speakers, including Andy Kricun of Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority on improving operational performance and reducing costs and Chris Sturm of New Jersey Future and Jennifer Gonzalez of Louis Berger on NJAIMS .

[2016 New Jersey Sustainability Summit](#), June 15, 2016. This year's summit will dig deeper into the energy and waste dimensions of sustainability and explore what communities can do in these areas.

[2016 Mid-Atlantic Conference of the American Water Resources Association](#), Sept. 15-16, 2016. The conference program will include a wide range of water resources topics directed to interested practitioners, researchers and students from a variety of disciplines. Abstracts due May 2, 2016

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[Integrating Human Health and Well-Being with Ecosystem Services](#). Applications due April 21, 2016

[U.S. Department of Transportation's 2016 TIGER grant](#). Applications due April 29, 2016.

[New York / New Jersey Aquatic Trash Prevention 2016 Grant Program](#) (EPA). Applications due May 10, 2016.

[Land and Water Conservation Fund Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program](#). Applications due May 20, 2016.

RESOURCES

[New EPA Study Supports The Long-term Benefits of Green Infrastructure and Low-Impact Development](#). Commissioned by the EPA to estimate the flood loss avoidance benefits from application of small stormwater-retention practices for new development and redevelopment nationwide. The results show that, over time, the use of green infrastructure in new development and redevelopment can save hundreds of millions of dollars in flood losses. If retrofitting of existing development were to occur, the avoided losses would be even more significant.

[America's Water: Developing a Road Map for the Future of Our Nation's Infrastructure](#). This report by the Columbia Water Center envisions a collaborative process to identify opportunities, set performance standards, and develop and test implementation mechanisms for a transformation in the water sector.

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- **[New Jersey DEP Combined Sewer Overflow email list](#)**
- **[Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns \(G3\) Initiative digest](#)**
- **[I Hate CSOs Facebook group](#)**
- **[WaterWire - The Waterfront Alliance newsletter](#)**
- **[NY/NJ Baykeeper newsletter](#)**

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[Jersey Water Works](#) is a collaborative effort working to transform New Jersey's inadequate water infrastructure through sustainable, cost-effective solutions that provide communities with clean water and waterways; healthier, safer neighborhoods; local jobs; flood and climate resilience; and economic growth.

Jersey Water Works welcomes individuals and organizations committed to working towards transforming New Jersey's inadequate water infrastructure through sustainable, cost-effective solutions that provide communities multiple benefits.

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