

2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Within committees, Jersey Water Works members joined together across sectors to adopt a **2016 Work Plan** based on the collaborative's shared goals. The following are highlights of their efforts this year:

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

- **Identifying new ways** for existing parks to manage stormwater via design tips and recommended changes to Green Acres protocols.
- **Advancing green infrastructure and green streets**, by educating municipal and county engineers, and forging a partnership with the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority.
- **Helping municipal leaders** promote green infrastructure planning and implementation by creating new Sustainable Jersey "actions."

CSO PERMITTEE NETWORK

- **Establishing an active peer-to-peer CSO Network** that enables resource-sharing and joint efforts among combined-sewer overflow permittees.

MUNICIPAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- **Helping mayors host national communications experts** to bring training and free consulting to CSO cities, sewer utilities and community activists.
- **Providing training to environmental commissions and green teams** on CSO systems and solutions.

BEST PRACTICES COMMITTEE

- **Helping municipal leaders** conduct water loss audits and asset management by creating new Sustainable Jersey "actions."
- **Establishing a "One Water" awards program** in partnership with industry associations, to recognize the use of best practices.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- **Launching research on two case studies**, in partnership with the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust, into the fiscal implications of wastewater utility asset management programs.
- **Initiating the evaluation** of the state's financing programs for green infrastructure.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- **Building bridges between sewer utilities and their stakeholders** by convening regulators, utilities and community advocates to clarify CSO public-outreach requirements and to improve signage.
- **Compiling and sharing engagement resources**, including educational materials, participation opportunities, stakeholder engagement lists, and communications tips.

STEERING COMMITTEE

- **Sharpening the focus on lead** in school drinking water through a steering committee statement and online compendium of resources.

JERSEY WATER WORKS MEMBERS AND BACKBONE ORGANIZATION:

- **Changing the thinking across New Jersey** about why water infrastructure matters -- through social media campaigns, TV and print media, presentations within the state and across the country, and special meetings with national speakers.
- **Participating in a New Jersey delegation** at the One Water Summit.
- **Helping design “integrated” combined sewer solutions** in Gloucester City, Perth Amboy and Jersey City that tap new funding sources.
- **Cultivating stakeholder interest** in combined-sewer solutions in three cities and exploring options for a statewide network of local organizations promoting green infrastructure and CSO solutions.

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(Or join the collaborative and be part of establishing it!)