

JERSEY WATER WORKS

Smart infrastructure. Strong communities.



Jersey Water Works Conference Propels Action on New Jersey's Water Infrastructure

Our second annual conference inspired and energized members for a productive 2017, both as a forum for exploring new ways to achieve "smart infrastructure, strong communities" and also as a celebration of committee accomplishments and member commitments to action.

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the discussion throughout the day!

Conference Highlights:

- **2016 Committee Accomplishments**
- **More Than 30 Commitments to Action Announced for 2017**
- **Photos from the Event**
- **Launch of Jersey Water Works Measurement System**

In the Press:

- **Water System Reformers Rally Support for Huge Infrastructure Campaign (NJ Spotlight)**
- **State's Old, Leaky Water Pipes Crumbling Beneath Us (NorthJersey.com)**



Jersey Water Works Receives Governor's Environmental Excellence Award!

Jersey Water Works has been selected as a winner of the 2016 **Governor's Environmental Excellence Award** in the Water Resources category. The awards honor and recognize individuals, businesses, educators, institutions, communities, youth and others who have made significant contributions to environmental protection in New Jersey. To date, 140 award winners have been recognized since the program began in 2000. Steering Committee Co-Chair **Jane Kenny**, fourth from right above, accepted the award on behalf of the collaborative at a ceremony on Dec. 7, and was joined by Steering Committee members **Dan Kennedy**, far left, **Daniel Van Abs**, third from right, and **David Zimmer**, far right, as well as Chris Sturm, third from left, and Jane Rosenblatt, second from right, from New Jersey Future.

The Governor's Environmental Excellence Award was also awarded to the River-Friendly Programs of the Raritan Basin, a joint initiative of the **Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association****, **Raritan Headwaters Association** and **New Jersey Water Supply Authority.**** The New Jersey Water Environment Association was also recognized in the Water Resource category for providing 50,000 hours of training to the environmental community. Congratulations to all the winners! [See full press release and award winners.](#) *** JWW member*

Member Highlights

[Newark Hires Chief Sustainability Officer to Focus on Environment](#) (NJ.com)

[Mayor Signs \\$30M Deal with BASF to Create Hoboken's Biggest Park](#) (NJ.com)

[Completion of Outdoor Classroom in Nutley Announced](#) (PVSC press release)

[Accelerating Sea Level Rise Threatens Communities, Infrastructure in Tri-State Region](#) (Regional Plan Association)

[Take the City of Camden Green Challenge!](#) (Camden SMART Initiative)

[Opinion: Modern Water Infrastructure is Critical for New Jersey's Economic Growth](#)
Christopher Daggett, Chief Executive Officer and President, Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation (NJBIZ)

Committee Spotlight: Green infrastructure Committee

[New Guidance: Designing Parks and Public Spaces with Green Infrastructure](#)

The Jersey Water Works Green Infrastructure Committee has released recommendations for designing new parks and public spaces with green infrastructure to manage stormwater.

Green Acres and Green Infrastructure Recommendations

This white paper recommends ways for the NJ Green Acres program to allow green stormwater infrastructure in existing parks. To prepare, the committee sought and received input from JWW members and the state's leading conservation organizations.

Legislative Update

Legislative Task Force on Drinking Water Hears from Jersey Water Works Members

The Joint Legislative Task Force on Drinking Water Infrastructure met on Wednesday, Nov. 30, to hear testimony on the current condition of the state's drinking water infrastructure and what improvements are necessary to ensure a safe drinking water supply.

Former New Jersey Gov. Jim Florio, honorary co-chair of Jersey Water Works, kicked off the hearing. Several Jersey Water Works members and Steering Committee members were among those testifying:

- **Margaret Waldock*** and **Chris Sturm** ([testimony](#)), representing Jersey Water Works
- **Daniel Van Abs*** ([testimony](#)) of Rutgers University
- **Andrew Hendry*** ([testimony](#)) and **Robert Brabston**** of the New Jersey Utilities Association
- **Peggy Gallos*** ([testimony](#)) of the Association of Environmental Authorities of New Jersey
- **Joan Matthews**** ([testimony](#)) of the National Resources Defense Council, on behalf of **Larry Levine***
- **David Pringle** of Clean Water Action
- **Steve Blankenship, Mike Furrey** and **Chris Andreason** ([testimony](#)) of the American Water Works Association New Jersey Chapter
- **Michael Maloney** ([testimony](#)) of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union

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The next hearing will be today, Dec. 14 at the State House Annex in Trenton, Committee Room 11. U.S. Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ6) will be among those testifying as will Jersey Water Works ex-officio non-voting Steering Committee members Daniel Kennedy of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and David Zimmer of the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust, which provides grants and low-interest loans for qualified local government units and eligible public water systems.

Media Coverage:

- [Troubles with New Jersey's Drinking-water System: Easy to Spot, Costly to Correct](#) (NJ Spotlight)
- [Statewide Water Infrastructure Repairs Needed](#) (NJTV News)
- [Losing a Third of Its Water Through leaky Pipes, New Jersey Considers System Upgrade](#) (NewsWorks/WHYY)
- [State's Aging and Leaky Pipes Need Costly Upgrades](#) (*The Record*)
- [New Jersey Lawmakers to Consider Spending Billions to Upgrade Aging Water Systems](#) (NJ101.5)
- [Opinion: Fixing New Jersey's Infrastructure is Not a Cost; It's an Investment](#) (*Star-Ledger* guest columnists Jane Kenny and Mark Mauriello)
- [Opinion: N.J.'s Old Water Pipes are Collapsing. What We Can Do Next](#) (*Star-Ledger* guest columnist Asm. John F. McKeon)

Water Infrastructure in the News

[More Change Ahead for Camden's Broadway](#) (*Courier-Post*)

[How Stormwater Affects Our Rivers](#) (American Rivers)

[Paterson to Impose Sewer Fees on Neighboring Towns](#) (*The Record*)

[Hampton Roads' Solution to Stop the Land From Sinking? Wastewater](#) (*Washington Post*)

[Jersey City To Appoint New DPW Director](#) (*Jersey Journal*)

[EPA To Launch New Water Finance Program](#) (EPA Leadership Blog)

Highlighted Resources

One Water Roadmap: The Sustainable Management of Life's Most Essential Resource

This U.S. Water Alliance report makes a case for the One Water approach and highlights successful strategies and real-world examples in practice.

When a Band-aid Is Not Enough

American Rivers has tools available to help public utility managers communicate about stormwater management and assist them in fostering public support for collecting fees to upgrade and/or maintain water infrastructure.

The Green Infrastructure Exchange has launched!

The exchange is a new practitioner network that supports, via accelerating peer learning, innovation and implementation, managers of public green infrastructure programs seeking to adopt and grow green stormwater infrastructure programs.



Upcoming Events

Dec. 16, 2016: **Energizing the Economy** Presentations will include information on New Jersey American and Suez's capital improvement plans. (Alliance for Action)

Dec. 16, 2016: **Forum on Race, Place and Opportunity** (Building One New Jersey)

Jan. 12, 2017: Webinar: **Climate-Adaptive Design: Creating Resilient Waterfronts** (Climate Smart Communities, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation)

Jan. 12, 2017: Webinar: **Weathering Change: Local Solutions for Strong Communities Series** (Antioch University and EPA)

Jan. 19, 2017: **Free Workshop: Asset Management for Small Water Systems in New Jersey** Designed for all types of water systems serving 10,000 or fewer people (though systems of any size may attend.) Consultants and technical assistance providers serving water systems are also invited to attend. Water system managers and decision-makers in particular will benefit from this workshop presented by the Southwest Environmental Finance Center, AWWA New Jersey and the American Water Works Association.

Jan. 26-27, 2017: **New Jersey Planning Conference** (American Planning Association-New Jersey chapter)

Mar. 10, 2017: **Redevelopment Forum** (New Jersey Future)

Mar. 12-14, 2017: **New Jersey Chapter, American Society of Landscape Architects Conference**

April 29, 2017: **Clean Water Action Conference**

May 8-12, 2017: **New Jersey Water Environment Association 102nd Annual Conference**

June 27-29, 2017: **One Water Summit 2017** (US Water Alliance)

Nov. 7-9, 2017: **Stormwater Solutions Inaugural 2017 Live Conference and Exhibition**

Funding Opportunity and Award Programs

Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program 2017 Request for Proposals

This EPA program offers \$2.5 million nationwide for diverse local partnerships to improve water quality, watersheds and the species and habitats they support. Proposals are due Jan. 31, 2017.

Stay Up to Date

Subscribe to the following member newsletters for updates and resources:

[Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership newsletter](#)

[Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program email list](#)

[U.S. EPA Green Streams mailing list](#)

[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](#)

[The Tidal Exchange E-news - New York-New Jersey Harbor Estuary Program](#)

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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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