



2017 Work Plan

The committees of Jersey Water Works have committed to accomplishing these actions to transform New Jersey's inadequate water infrastructure through sustainable, cost-effective solutions that provide community benefits.

Finance Committee:

- Publish case studies on the financial benefits of asset management for drinking water and wastewater utilities.
- Assess the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust green infrastructure financing program to identify ways to improve applicant success at obtaining funding.
- Publish a national survey of state-level initiatives to fund water infrastructure.

Municipal Outreach Committee:

- Support the New Jersey Urban Mayors Association Water Infrastructure Policy Committee in developing state policy recommendations on water infrastructure and announcing them at a fall event.
- Partner with the New Jersey League of Municipalities and other Jersey Water Works members to provide an educational webinar series for municipal officials.
- Encourage partners to host events and conferences that include water-related sessions and invite state and local officials to participate.

Green Infrastructure Committee:

- Advance implementation of "green streets" by recommending policy changes, promoting state and federal pilot projects and expanding the complete streets "action" in the Sustainable Jersey certification program.
- Partner with Jersey Water Works members to host green infrastructure trainings for key stakeholders.
- Recommend ways to conduct an inventory of green infrastructure installations and their performance.
- Facilitate community advocacy for green infrastructure by assessing stakeholders' needs for green infrastructure tools and training and developing solutions to fill the gaps.

Community Engagement Committee:

- Produce public participation materials for the new municipal separate storm sewer (MS4) permit.
- Develop a strategic communications plan that identifies event-oriented social media campaigns and tools for committee members to use to engage stakeholders in water infrastructure issues.
- Provide tools and resources needed by CSO permit holders to address public participation requirements.
- Compile and share a collection of educational curricula about water infrastructure.

Best Practices Committee:

- Examine the legal impediments to establishing water infrastructure ratepayer assistance programs in New Jersey and identify policy recommendations to overcome them.
- Publish a report on "Cost Effective Investments for Water Infrastructure" and host an event to discuss implementation.
- Host educational events that utilize the framework provided by the NJ AIMS Guide, including training on water loss audits.
- Propose a completed Asset Management "action" for the Sustainable Jersey certification program.

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