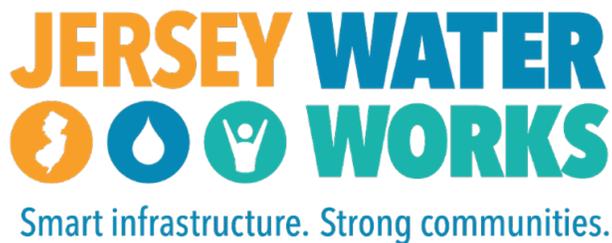


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Jersey Water Works Commends Legislative Report on Drinking Water

Yesterday, members of the Joint Legislative Task Force on Drinking Water Infrastructure voted unanimously to approve and release their final report. This report includes comprehensive recommendations for addressing the state's aging water infrastructure, as well as potential funding mechanisms to help pay for the required work. A number of Jersey Water Works members have provided **substantial amounts of testimony** to the task force since its inception in 2016. As a result, many of the themes and concerns raised by Jersey Water Works members are reflected in the report. Meeting in the statehouse, the task force chairs thanked Jersey Water Works and its members for their input throughout the process.

"Jersey Water Works members played an important role in supporting the task force's work, through their collaborative work over the past few years, as well as through testimony and media engagement," said Mark Mauriello, Jersey Water Works co-chair. "This report makes it clear that members of the task force heard the message. The report emphasizes Jersey Water Works' goals and the priority solutions that were laid out in the new **Our Water Transformed** report."

Jersey Water Works members will continue to strive to transform 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. We hope that this report will help spur others into action on these critical infrastructure goals.

"This report is an important first step," said Jane Kenny, Jersey Water Works co-chair. "We look forward to working with the Legislature and the Murphy administration to elevate the importance of this issue and promote critical upgrades to our water infrastructure."

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Jersey Water Works is a collaborative effort of **many diverse organizations and individuals** who

embrace the common purpose of transforming New Jersey's inadequate water infrastructure by investing in sustainable, cost-effective solutions that provide communities with clean water and waterways; healthier, safer neighborhoods; local jobs; flood and climate resilience; and economic growth. **New Jersey Future** facilitates the work of the collaborative.

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