



Smart infrastructure. Strong communities.

### Photo of the Month



**Photo:** No, you're not looking at a toxic spill - the Plumber's Local Union 130 dyes the Chicago River green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

### The Cost of Inaction

Often overlooked, our water infrastructure isn't noticed until something goes wrong. This section highlights the everyday consequences of not investing in New Jersey's water systems.

**Belleville sees water main break, some should boil water:** [Officials](#) (*Belleville Patch*)

**Water main break in Belleville closes streets, forces school to cancel** (*WPIX 11 News*)

**Ocean County plans to study 'worse than ever' flooding** (*Asbury Park Press*)

**Officials: Grease may be causing Bloomfield's sewer backups** (*Bloomfield Patch*)

**DEP: Trenton Water Works receives more violations** (*The Trentonian*)

**Bloomfield struggles with water contamination** (*Patch Bloomfield*)



Jersey Water Works' four implementation **committees** met individually to establish a work plan for realizing **Our Shared Goals** in 2018.

It's not too late to join a committee. [Click here to become a JWW member](#).  
Questions? Contact **Brian Caycho**, (609)-393-0008 x106

## New Membership Milestone

# We're **400** Supporting Members Strong!

Take a look at the **diverse organizations and individuals** who embrace the common purpose of transforming New Jersey's inadequate water infrastructure.

## Member Highlights

The **City of Camden** is a **2018 Spotlight Award winner** for its **SMART Initiative** (Stormwater Management and Resource Training), which trains local residents to build rain gardens to reduce city flooding. The Spotlight Award highlights cities and counties that address local social determinants of health through home-grown solutions.



**New Jersey American Water** is promoting **Fix a Leak Week**, part of the EPA's national campaign to raise awareness about water that may be wasted inadvertently within homes. The company has produced an **infographic** including tips on finding and fixing leaks.



Dawn Zimmer, former mayor of the **City of Hoboken**, is one of 250 bipartisan elected leaders to sign the **Flood-Ready Infrastructure Statement of Principles**, a statement prioritizing infrastructure decisions that will, among other things, improve resiliency requirements for buildings and infrastructure systems.



In the **spring 2018 edition of the organization's Wellspring magazine**, the **Stony Brook Millstone-Watershed Association** promotes a smart water infrastructure agenda and says investment is a bold action required by Gov. Murphy. The publication also features an article on how stormwater utilities would benefit the state.



Chris Obropta and Rosana DaSilva of **Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resource Program**, both Jersey Water Works supporting members, delivered the **keynote address at the Urban Green Infrastructure Summit** in Portland, Oregon. The goal of the summit was to create new collaborative networks, identify research and education priorities, and share existing resources.



The **South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority** (SMSRA) recently completed a **pump station replacement** that is being funded with approximately \$2.8 million in loans from the New Jersey Water Bank.

"This project is an example of our dedication to serve our customers with State-of-the-art, innovative equipment, protect the environment, and minimize the cost of doing so." - Ryan Krause, executive director, SMSRA



## New Resources

### **MS4 Stormwater Permitting Guide** (National Association of Clean Water Agencies)

This guide tackles timely and relevant stormwater issues such as permit terms, the Maximum Extent Practical standard versus water-quality standards, water quality trading in the context of stormwater, post-construction needs, and more.

### **Case Study: Incorporating Community Interests into Infrastructure Decision-Making** (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)

This case study features Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority's augmented approach to support its combined sewer Long-Term Control Plan.

### **A Guide to Assessing Green Infrastructure Costs and Benefits for Flood Reduction** (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration)

This guide lays out a six-step watershed-based approach for documenting the costs of flooding and calculating the long-term benefits and costs of a green infrastructure approach to flood reduction.

## Funding Opportunities

### **American Water Environmental Grant Program**

Deadline: March 26 -- Maximum grant amount: \$10,000

This grant offers funding for innovative, community-based environmental projects that improve, restore or protect the watersheds, surface water and groundwater supplies in local communities.

### **Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Peer Learning Cohort Grant**

Deadline: March 26 -- Maximum grant amount: \$10,000

This grant supports participation in the Peer Learning Cohort and may be awarded to urban, community-based environmental justice, watershed and/or public health organizations.

### **Environmental Education Local Grants Program**

Deadline: April 11 -- Maximum grant amount: \$100,000

This grant supports locally-focused environmental education projects that increase public awareness of and knowledge about environmental and conservation issues and provide the skills that participants need to make informed decisions and take responsible actions toward the environment.

### **Stewardship Grant Program**

Deadline: April 23 -- Maximum grant amounts: \$10,000 and \$30,000

The New Jersey Urban & Community Forestry program is accepting applications for its two grant categories: resiliency planning and reforestation and tree planting. An **informational webinar** will take place on March 23.

## Upcoming Events

**March 28: Stormwater standards for the future: Environmental and financial benefits of adopting local stormwater regulations** presented by US EPA

**March 29: Webinar: Water Loss & Performance Metrics** presented by Center for Neighborhood Technology

**April 3: Webinar: Exploring the "Environmental Health Playbook": Safe Drinking Water, Healthy Housing and Clean Air** presented by American Public Health Association

**April 4: New Jersey Environmental Justice and Climate Summit** presented by Center for American Progress and the New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance

**April 15-21: Water Week**

**April 22: Earth Day Festival** presented by Atlantic County Utilities Authority

**April 26: Webinar: Financing Water Infrastructure** presented by Center for Neighborhood Technology

**April 28: 32nd Annual Conference** presented by Clean Water Action

## Save the Dates

**May 14-21: National Infrastructure Week**

**July 10-12: One Water Summit**

**July 19: Jersey Water Works Membership Meeting**

**Oct. 10: Imagine a Day Without Water**

## Water Infrastructure in the News

### New Jersey:

[It is 'Fix A Leak' Week in New Jersey \(NJ 101.5\)](#)

[New Jersey looks to \\$50 million bond issue to fund stormwater management \(NJ Spotlight\)](#)

[Opinion: Stormwater utilities -- an idea whose time has come? \(NJ Spotlight\)](#)

[Feds convening summit on water contamination in NJ, other states \(NJ Spotlight\)](#)

[Trump administration plans to force polluters to clean up N.J. Superfund sites \(Star-Ledger\)](#)

[Rodale Institute, Stroud Water Research Center, announce innovative partnership to curb ag runoff across 4 states \(Globe Newswire\)](#)

[DuPont spinoff company could soon process toxic water for profit \(NorthJersey.com\)](#)

[Pools of water at Hoboken Terminal; NJ Transit says 'no impact' \(Hoboken Patch\)](#)

[New parks, trails will reconnect region to Camden's two rivers \(The Inquirer\)](#)

[Well ownership comes with the responsibility of ongoing maintenance \(Tapinto Franklin Township\)](#)

## 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 email 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**

**Sustainable Jersey newsletter**

Do you send out a newsletter that you'd like included here? Email **Brian Caycho** with the information!



**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.

**Become a Member Today!**

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