



**Photo of the Month: Introducing a New Series: "The Cost of Inaction"**



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**Photo:** Municipal Authority workers opening up a sewer main in Pompton Lakes to allow the flooded water from a water main break to drain away.

### **The Cost of Inaction**

Often overlooked, our water infrastructure isn't noticed until something goes wrong. The JWW Newsletter will now feature a section "The Cost of Inaction" to highlight the everyday consequences felt by the residents of New Jersey of not investing in our water systems.

[Water main break in Pompton Lakes](#) (*The Record*)

[Bader Field sewer leak closes shellfish beds](#) (*Press of Atlantic City*)

[State should collect more data on lead testing of schools' drinking water, group says](#) (Politico)

## Member Highlights

The City of Newark visited the City of Philadelphia to study and learn from the Water Department's considerable experience managing stormwater, [focusing on implementing green infrastructure at scale](#).

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection [awards over \\$9M in grants for 12 water projects](#) (*Star-Ledger*). Member recipients include City of Perth Amboy, New Jersey Water Supply Authority, Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association, The Trust for Public Land, New York/New Jersey Baykeeper, Hackensack Riverkeeper

Dennis Palmer of the Landis Sewerage Authority discussed the [community benefits stemming from a recent partnership](#) between the authority, Cumberland County Office of Emergency Management, and the Office of the New Jersey State Climatologist at Rutgers.

Dennis Hart executive director of the Chemistry Council of New Jersey spoke about [the importance of water efficiency and sustainability](#) at a conference in Camden.

[Lead in School Drinking Water in New Jersey: A preliminary analysis of reported test results](#). New Jersey Future has released the first compilation done at the statewide level of the results of school districts' tests for lead in their facilities' drinking water.

**Media Coverage:**

[Report: 300 schools test positive for lead contaminated water](#) (NJTV Online)

[Downtown Newark will pilot city's rain barrel program](#) (BrickCityLive). Newark Downtown District is currently running a pilot program to distribute rain barrels to interested property owners, and renters with owners' permission, within the boundaries of downtown Newark.

The City of Hoboken celebrates the opening of [Southwest Park](#), New Jersey's first resiliency park. It features passive recreational space, green infrastructure (rain gardens, shade tree pits, porous pavers, a cistern for rainwater harvesting and reuse) and an underground detention system to reduce stormwater runoff and localized flooding.

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers break ground on [project to daylight portion of Assunpink Creek in Trenton](#).

[The Time is Now for Drinking Water Utilities to Improve Their Systems](#). (Opinion piece by Daniel Van Abs).

"The Water Quality Accountability Act will shake up a lot of utilities, especially smaller ones, that have too often assumed that they will act when something breaks, but have not engaged in pro-active asset management," - Dr. Daniel Van Abs, Associate Professor of Practice, Rutgers University Department of Human Ecology

[Sustainable Urban Water Systems: A View from the Tap](#). (Opinion piece by Anisha Anantapadmanabhan, CERES). Civil engineers and city planners in Houston have the opportunity to incorporate stronger sustainability stewardship in the public water sector in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. A host of programs and projects implemented by cities across the U.S. can serve as examples.

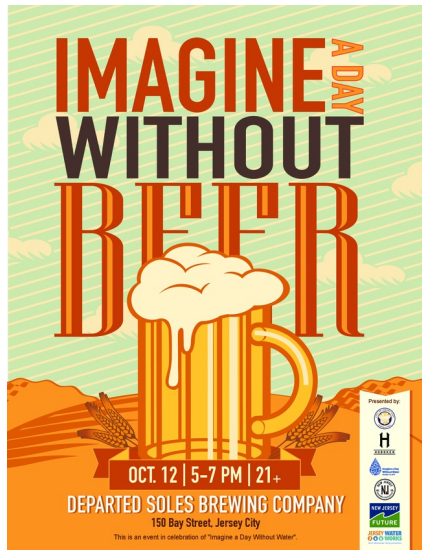
## Call to Action: Let's hear NJ Gov. Candidates on Water Infrastructure

Organizations are gathering questions to submit to the gubernatorial candidates. Submit your questions about water infrastructure from now until Oct. 3 via:

- Twitter: Tweet the question you want asked in the debates with the hashtag #NJGovDebate
- WYNC: [Question Submittal Portal](#)
- Email: [LEADNJ](#)



### Can You Imagine a Day Without Beer? Neither Can We...



The Value of Water Campaign's **Imagine a Day Without Water** campaign will take place on Oct. 12. This year, Jersey Water Works, in partnership with the **Garden State Craft Brewers Guild**, will be highlighting the value of water by celebrating all of the great craft beers in the state produced with water from New Jersey.

**Join Us:** On Oct. 12 join representatives from Jersey City, Hoboken, Jersey Water Works, and New Jersey Brewers Association at the **Departed Soles Brewing Company** in Jersey City to celebrate the **Imagine a Day Without Beer** campaign.

**Get involved:** Encourage your local craft brewery to participate! And on Oct. 12, post a photo to Facebook, Twitter or Instagram using **#NoWaterNoBeer**

### Jersey Water Works Conference Agenda and Speakers Announced!

Join us on Friday Dec. 1 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark to amplify the importance of addressing New Jersey's water infrastructure, explore innovative solutions and celebrate the Jersey Water Works collaborative as an effective, comprehensive approach to achieving statewide impact. Sessions include:

- A Call for Transformational Change to Secure New Jersey's Water Future
- Morning Panel: What New Jersey Can Learn From New York State's \$2.5 Billion Water Infrastructure Investment
- Recognizing Our Progress: Jersey Water Works Accomplishments and Commitments for 2018
- Afternoon Panel: Water Policy Priorities for New Jersey's New Administration

Interested in sponsoring? You'll reach more than 300 professionals involved in upgrading New Jersey's water infrastructure.

[Please visit the conference website for more information.](#)



### LAST CHANCE TO APPLY: New Jersey One Water Awards!

The inaugural [New Jersey One Water Awards program](#) is accepting nominations through midnight Sept. 30, 2017. For selection criteria and other information visit the [Submission Guidelines and Eligibility page](#).

### New Resources

[New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's new webpage](#) provides information on the recently legislated Water Quality Accountability Act.

[Let's Talk About Water: A Guide to Developing Discussion Materials to Get Your Community Deliberating](#) (North American Association for Environmental Education). Let's Talk About Water is designed to help you create a framework and simple materials to guide discussions on water issues and assist people in engaging deeply and productively with each other.

[Community Service Programs for Water and Wastewater Utilities](#) (National Association of Clean Water Agencies). This recorded webinar compiles and describes 14 case studies of water utilities contributing to environmental justice and community service.

## Job Announcements

### Program Manager (New Jersey Future)

New Jersey Future is looking for a skilled, highly organized, motivated individual to manage the day-to-day operations of **Jersey Water Works**. This is an opportunity to join a movement of a diverse statewide network of people working to shift the culture and thinking around one of the one of the state's leading policy issues. Please share with your networks!

## Funding Opportunities

The **New Jersey Section of the American Water Resources Association** is sponsoring a **contest for undergraduate students** in New Jersey who are pursuing studies related to water resources.

**PSEG** is accepting unsolicited grant requests for up to \$10,000 through its **Neighborhood Partners funding program**.

The **Nature Conservancy** is awarding grants of \$2,000 to 60 public or charter schools through its **Nature Works Everywhere grant program**.

The National Institutes of Health's **Research to Action: Assessing and Addressing Community Exposures to Environmental Contaminants** program is offering research project grants.

The National Science Foundation is offering grants through its **Environmental Sustainability Program**.

## Upcoming Events

**Oct. 11: Integrating Trees into Stormwater Management Design and Policy** presented by USDA

**Oct. 12: Asset Management Workshop** at Jackson Township MUA. RSVP via email to **Karen**.

**Oct. 16: Introducing Green Infrastructure for Coastal Resilience**. Join this workshop sponsored by the **Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership**.

**Oct. 17: The Shore of the Future**. Register [here](#) for this event hosted by **New Jersey Future**.

**Oct. 24-26: 13th Annual New Jersey Association for Floodplain Management Conference**

**Nov. 2-10: GSI Operations & Maintenance Course** presented by the **Sustainable Business Network of Greater Philadelphia**

**Nov. 14-15: Generational Dynamics and Your Water Utility** presented by the **Association of Environmental Authorities**. [Reserve lodging here](#).

## Public Hearings

**Oct. 19: Distribution System Improvement Charge ("DSIC") for Sewer Utilities**. Stakeholder meeting hosted by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. **Location:** Trenton

**Oct. 19: Moving Stormwater Pollution Improvements to the Next Level**. Stakeholder meeting hosted by the New Jersey Clean Water Council. **Location:** Trenton

## Water Infrastructure in the News

### New Jersey

**Opinion: Statewide testing of public school water for lead is paying off** (*Press of Atlantic City*)

**Jersey City launches sustainability initiatives addressing climate change** (*Hudson Reporter*)

**NJ lawmaker seeks to get the lead out of drinking water in schools** (*Star-Ledger*)

**Opinion: Don't mess with our water supply** (*Daily Record*)

**Newark's lead in drinking water contamination recalls Flint crisis; Local and national groups challenge officials for a stronger response** (Natural Resources Defense Council)

**This company is improving the state of water safety in New Jersey** (Best of NJ)

**Jumpsuit flushed down jail toilet causes raw sewage flood** (*US News*)

**Long Beach Township saves \$2.2M in sewer upgrade program** (*The SandPaper*)

**EPA announces appointment of Pete Lopez to Region 2 Administrator** (US EPA)

### National

**Turning stormwater runoff into everyone's business** (CityLab)

[Will America's trillion-dollar investment in new infrastructure withstand tomorrow's disasters?](#) (ensia)  
[Proposed world's tallest wooden structure would filter contaminated water in New York's Central Park](#) (ArchDaily)  
[An infrastructure priority: Ensuring safe drinking water](#) (*Washington Times*)  
[Manufacturer sues Washington, D.C., over 'flushable' wipes law](#) (WAMU)  
[Drinking water isn't safe for millions of Americans. Its up to states to fix](#) (Governing)  
[New York City stormwater report](#) (Water Research Foundation)  
[As flood risks intensify, stormwater utilities offer a more resilient solution](#) (Brookings Institution)  
[Promoting green infrastructure](#) (Green Building Advisor)  
[US EPA assess conditions of drinking water and wastewater facilities in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria](#) (US EPA)  
[A tour of the future: How will Pittsburgh get its water?](#) (WESA)  
[A fix to flood-proof Charleston could top \\$2 billion and take a generation to complete](#) (*Post and Courier*)  
[This 'fatberg' clogging a London sewer is longer than two football fields, weighs more than 11 buses](#) (*Washington Post*)  
['Fatberg' of congealed fat, wet wipes and waste discovered under Baltimore's streets, causing sewer overflows](#) (*Baltimore Sun*)

## 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.

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