

## 2020 Work Plan



### Asset Management and Finance Committee

1. Advance water and sewer affordability for low-income customers by:
  - a. Producing recommendations to implement the white paper state policy options report released in 2019;
  - b. Establishing a consensus methodology for measuring affordability issues, applying it to assess NJ communities, and publishing the findings.
  - c. Work with the Combined Sewer Overflow committee to identify ways to address affordability in Long Term Control Plans and recommend them to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).
2. Review and issue comments on state government proposals relating to water financing and asset management plans, including the Water Quality Accountability Act.
3. Work to increase the number of committee members and their racial and gender diversity.



### Education and Outreach Committee

1. Make existing resources on water infrastructure more accessible for residents and other stakeholders by shaping a new JWW website interface.
2. Share options for educating students on water infrastructure at the New Jersey Education Association's annual conference.
3. Submit a session proposal on water infrastructure for the ANJEC Congress.
4. Host or participate in at least two national water infrastructure awareness events such as Infrastructure Week and Imagine A Day Without Water, and amplify those efforts through JWW's communications platforms.

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## Green Infrastructure

1. Recommend green infrastructure incentive programs for NJ stormwater utilities based on a national review of best practices.
2. Recommend regulatory changes to the DEP regarding reasonable use of green infrastructure within Green Acres-restricted parks.
3. Continue the *Green Infrastructure Champions* program and collaborate with partner organizations to connect champions with interested communities.
4. Solicit five NJ green infrastructure projects and share them as case studies in the New Jersey Green Infrastructure Municipal Toolkit. Focus case studies on the following topics:
  - a. Green streets
  - b. Park projects that include GI and minimize tree removal



## Combined Sewer Overflow Committee

5. Host a webinar or workshop to share CSO system success stories.
6. Work with the Asset Management and Finance committee to identify ways to address affordability in Long Term Control Plans and recommend them to the DEP.
7. Develop a framework for reviewing draft Long Term Control Plans (due to the DEP on June 1) send committee comments to the DEP and assist CSO communities in reviewing the plans.
8. Develop recommendations and resources that will encourage local hire from environmental justice communities for water workforce jobs, link local residents to stable careers through job training programs and link utilities and unions to these training programs and to find qualified workers.
9. Encourage CSO municipalities to seek funding from the NJ Infrastructure Bank in order to reduce the cost of implementation of the Long Term Control Plans.

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## Lead in Drinking Water Task Force

1. Enact legislation requiring lead service line (LSL) inventories and the replacement of all utility and customer-owned LSLs in ten years, supported by full rate recovery and \$500m of state funding for water utilities with the greatest need.
2. Amend New Jersey's version of the federal lead and copper rule (LCR) to address water testing, public education, expanded review of water parameters, and licensed operator training.
3. Require identification and disclosure of LSLs and visible indoor pipes at the time of home sale and rental along with other sources of lead contamination. Include legal mechanisms to ensure compliance.
4. Help the state government launch a public education campaign on lead exposure.
5. Publish a case study of LSL removal in Newark, issue a scorecard of progress on the task force recommendations, and celebrate achievement of member commitments.

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