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Subject: The Stormwater Report: Framework for STEPP initiative released

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### Framework for STEPP initiative released

In July, the National Stormwater Testing and Evaluation for Products and Practices (STEPP) initiative crossed a milestone with the release of a document that provides recommendations on potential program design components. The document, Framework for a National Testing and Evaluation Program Based Upon the National Stormwater Testing and Evaluation for Products and Practices (STEPP) Initiative (Project No. INFR2R14), also addresses both general programmatic and individual program aspects.

WEF, through the Stormwater Institute, assembled the Advisory Committee and Research Team that worked on this project and managed the development of the framework report. **Read more**  ADVERTISEMENT

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## **Program website**

In July, DC Water and the Water Environment Federation (WEF) launched a website for the National Green Infrastructure Certification Program (NGICP). This program, which is in development, is a national certification for green infrastructure (GI) construction, inspection, and maintenance workers.

The website, www.ngicp.org, is the best resource for the latest program news and updates; access to valuable industry and certification resources; and links to a range of regional training opportunities.

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## Schools capture serious stormwater in New York

The upgraded Edward Bleeker Junior High School playground does more than offer students a new outdoor area to enjoy, it captures some serious stormwater.

A 0.5-ha (1.2-ac) asphalt lot at the school has been renovated with green infrastructure elements capable of capturing more than 4160 m<sup>3</sup> (1.1 million gal) of stormwater each year, according to a joint New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Trust for Public Land (San Francisco) news release. **Read more** 

# Bringing life back to dead zones

University of Illinois scientist tests bioreactors that filter nutrient runoff, reduce hypoxic zones

Dead zones — those regions that can be found in the Great Lakes, Chesapeake Bay, and even the Gulf of Mexico — are a serious problem for U.S. waterways. These hypoxic zones, the result of excess nitrogen and phosphorus run off, can lead to algae blooms that can stifle aquatic life. Regulators are doing their part to reduce these dead zones by mandating the decrease of nutrient runoff from water resource recovery facilities and farmlands and stormwater runoff in cities. Scientists also are trying to help by developing new ways that can treat this runoff at its source so that it has less of an impact on waterways. Read more

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- Michigan elementary schoolers reduce pollution while making art
- Port of Brisbane finds success in \$1 million pollution prevention project
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# Advances in stormwater pollutant removal from industrial sites Stormwater discharges from three linked industrial sites in the Port of Tacoma are treated by three different proprietary, gravity-based solutions to meet each location's unique stormwater characteristics and operational needs as well as comply with stringent regulations required by the U.S. state of Washington.

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