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## Stormwater Report



## Storm Feature



## NGICP hosts first certification exam

On Dec. 13, 90 people completed the inaugural National Green Infrastructure Certification Program (NGICP) exam. These 90 people hope to become the first set of entry-level workers to gain recognition under NGICP. The exam, currently offered through NGICP partner organizations, tested applicants on their knowledge of green infrastructure fundamentals, construction methods, and maintenance procedures. [Read more](#)

## Storm News



## UK parliament committee calls for new approaches to flood management

Faced with predictions from the U.K. government's recent National Flood Resilience Review to expect 20% to 30% more intense rainfall due to climate change in coming years, the bipartisan Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs Committee of Parliament released a report calling for a complete overhaul of how the country approaches its vulnerability to flooding.

The report, *Future flood prevention*, prescribes a new model of governance for flood risk management, a shift in flood risk infrastructure priorities, improved flood resilience for new construction projects, and clearer public communication about flood avoidance. [Read more](#)

## Tree hydration system made from recycled diaper material minimizes stormwater runoff

Using watering bags to nurture young trees can help ensure a moist soil environment as the plants develop root structure. But standard watering bags require constant refills, and do little to deter stormwater runoff pollution. However, a new product made from the same material used in disposable diapers can catch and retain rainwater before releasing it super-slowly, allowing low-maintenance survival for young trees even in inhospitable growing conditions. [Read more](#)

## NCAR study portends extremely rainy 21st century

If trends toward warmer climates continue at the same pace that they have during the last few decades, the U.S. could see extreme rainfall events up to four times more frequently by the end of the 21st century, a new study by the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR; Boulder, Colo.) finds. These storms could be up to 70% more intense. [Read more](#)

### StormWater Management



#### To green or not to green: Why decision-making matters for green stormwater infrastructure adoption

Investment in stormwater infrastructure on private property, where the majority of runoff originates, should be encouraged through financial incentives. A feature article in this issue discusses why private property stormwater adoption is so important and gives an overview of current research findings that explain ways in which consumption-based programs for stormwater infrastructure are more likely to be successful.



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