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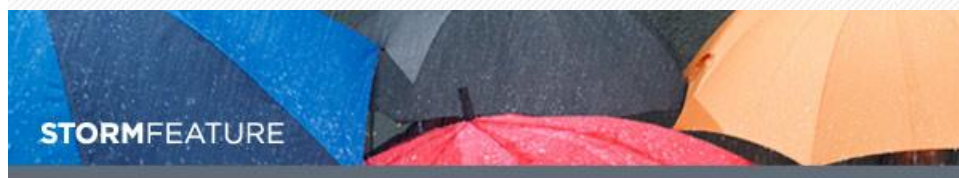


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STORMWATER REPORT



Bills to help stormwater management and infrastructure moving through Congress

Several significant bills that would benefit stormwater infrastructure investments and management are moving through the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate. More concern by Congress to avoid overburdening ratepayers about community challenges to meet water infrastructure investments has led to growing support for integrated planning. Stormwater investment in particular can be hampered by limited funding resources and competing water infrastructure needs to meet regulatory obligation. [Read more](#)

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U.S. EPA Region 4 bestows fourth annual Rain Catcher Awards

Three innovative stormwater projects in the Southeast U.S. have received the 2017 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4 Rain Catcher awards. The honorees earned recognition during a May 15 ceremony at the International Erosion Control Association (Denver) Municipal Wet Weather Stormwater Conference in Charleston, S.C.

"The EPA Region 4 Rain Catcher Award recognizes excellence in the implementation of stormwater green infrastructure practices," an EPA representative explained in a press release. "EPA and its partner organizations have promoted the use of green infrastructure for many years as part of a comprehensive approach to achieving healthier waters." [Read more](#)

WEF Stormwater Institute presents webcast on economic instruments for green infrastructure investment

On June 8, the WEF Stormwater Institute will present the webcast, Working with the Market for Green Stormwater Infrastructure. Stormwater managers must meet broad watershed goals, provide benefits to the local community, remain flexible in the face of a changing climate, and manage costs. Green infrastructure can provide these benefits. This webcast will share creative ways to raise the necessary capital to institute those projects. [Read more](#)

Governments and landowners rush to prevent flooding from melting Sierra Nevada snowpack

A record-breaking accumulation of snow on the Sierra Nevada mountains is melting steadily as temperatures continue to warm and the thaw continues.

That much water would overwhelm the Carson River, which usually carries Sierra Nevada runoff away from settled areas, through nearby Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge and into the Carson Sink. Without intervention, 37 homes and farms would be in danger of severe flooding.

To prevent disaster, construction crews and volunteers dug a 25-km-long (16-mi-long), 18-m-wide (60-ft-wide) ditch to deliver the extra water to the Carson Sink safely.

The partnership managed to excavate the emergency trench, aptly named "the Big Dig," in just 6 weeks. [Read more](#)



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