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Stormwater Report



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WEF and DC Water partner to create new green infrastructure certification program

Effort will support sustainable GI projects and spur economic growth

DC Water (Washington, D.C.) and the Water Environment Federation on Feb. 8 announced (WEF; Alexandria, Va.) they are developing a National Green Infrastructure Certification Program. This program, which will be housed within the WEF Stormwater Institute, will certify individuals who install, inspect, and maintain green infrastructure systems. The program also subsequently, will help spur economic development in regions where significant GI investments are being made. Implementing green infrastructure projects in cities and regions not only protects the environment, but also offers economic benefits such as the creation of livable wage jobs for residents and social benefits such as increased community green space. [Read more](#)



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New online game fosters understanding of water shortage issues in Texas

A new online game launched in October of last year to educate people about water-related challenges facing Texas over the next 25 years. Developed jointly by the Colorado River Alliance and the Texas Water Development Board, the goal of the interactive game — named Texas 2040 — is to help players grasp the effects of drought and population growth on Texas rivers. This understanding includes the role of water management solutions in balancing limited supplies and the needs of increasingly more water users. [Read more](#)

New U.S EPA report highlights results from green infrastructure technical assistance program

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released a new report that summarizes the successes and lessons from its efforts to support green infrastructure technical assistance projects in communities nationwide. The report, Tools, Strategies and Lessons Learned from EPA Green Infrastructure Technical Assistance Projects, is intended as a resource for city managers, community leaders and citizens who want to learn from the experiences of others and who are looking to design their community space for better health, abundant water resources, and improved quality of life. [Read more](#)

Supreme Court denies Chesapeake Bay TMDL appeal

The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) announced on Monday, Feb. 29, 2016 its denial to hear the American Farm Bureau and allies appeal regarding the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). The denial of *American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF), et al. v. EPA, et al.* by the high court affirms the ruling of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania and subsequent unanimous ruling of the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. [Read more](#)

Storm Events



EPA Region 4 & IECA Southeast Chapter
**EPA Region 4 & SEIECA Municipal Wet
Weather Stormwater Conference**

May 16-18

Nashville, Tenn.

Chesapeake Water Environment Association
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Seminar**

June 8

Linthicum Heights, Md.

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Recognizing stormwater management achievements

The Water Environment Federation (WEF) launched a program this year to recognize communities for high-performing stormwater management efforts. Mark Doneux of the Capitol Region Watershed District and WEF's Pallavi Raviprakash discuss the achievements of the US award-winning communities, including the overall winners the City of Charlotte, North Carolina and City of Fairbanks, Alaska. [Read more.](#)



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