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U.S. EPA releases draft of long-term guide for stormwater planning

To help address the growing problem of runoff pollution in American cities, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) launched a step-by-step guide on Oct. 27 that will advise communities through the implementation or improvement of their own long-term stormwater management plans. The guide aims to prevent flooding as well as help communities reach broader economic and ecological goals. [Read more](#)

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Urban design software matches abandoned land parcels to green

infrastructure projects

When Nicholas de Monchaux, an associate professor of architecture and urban design at the University of California, Berkeley, began his “Local Code” project almost 7 years ago, he set out to address two of the most pressing problems facing modern cities.

Local Code uses open-source software to match thousands of abandoned city lots with site-specific designs for green infrastructure installations. De Monchaux's work, which has been applied to more than 3500 abandoned lots in four major cities, attempts to create stormwater-permeable surfaces in congested cities while also making use of areas considered “legally abandoned” by city administrators and off-limits for private builders. [Read more](#)

Canadian city 'prices' 150 local trees for National Tree Day

While it may be true that “money doesn’t grow on trees,” the City of Hamilton (Ontario, Canada) wants residents and visitors to know that each tree can add thousands of dollars to the value of its surrounding community.

To help raise awareness of both the economic and ecological benefits provided by local trees, city environmental workers labeled about 150 trees in centrally located Gage Park with price tags that estimate each tree’s individual contribution to the city’s bottom line. The campaign took place on Sept. 21, which is annually celebrated in Canada as National Tree Day. [Read more](#)

Colorado schools screen video to save stormwater dollars

Grand Valley Drainage District (GVDD; Grand Junction, Colo.) has come up with an unconventional approach to get the word out to students about its work within the Colorado River watershed.

If public, private, or charter schools show students a 3-minute video outlining the history, activities, and purpose of the GVDD, those schools will be reimbursed for an amount equivalent to one month’s stormwater management fee. [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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