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Share your stormwater successes at the WEFTEC 2020 Stormwater Pavilion

The Stormwater Pavilion Theater in the WEFTEC 2020 exhibition will offer stormwater-sector innovators the chance to spread the word about their successes from Oct. 5 to 7. Submit abstracts that detail your experiences with underutilized approaches to stormwater management for an invitation to participate in a Stormwater Pavilion presentation. [Submit abstracts by April 22 at 9 a.m. Eastern time to participate.](#)

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Study: Urbanites value green infrastructure benefits

Because green infrastructure is decentralized by nature, infrastructure managers often depend on participation from community members to ensure these systems successfully mitigate flooding and provide sought-after co-benefits. According to a new study from University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and Reed College researchers, a growing number of city-dwellers value green infrastructure as a worthwhile approach to flood management and water quality improvement — and are willing to donate time and money to support it.

[The researchers propose new strategies for attracting community participation in green infrastructure management.](#)

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Researchers sound alarm about storm effects on lake ecology

In a new study published in the journal *Global Change Biology*, a team of researchers from 20 countries highlight a gap in scientific knowledge about how stormwater might affect phytoplankton growth and the health of lakes and similar freshwater bodies. Because climatologists expect climate change to cause more intense and frequent storm events, the global research community needs to devote resources toward predicting the response of phytoplankton as these conditions change, study authors argue. [Read more about the knowledge gaps identified by the researchers and what they mean for water quality and the aquatic food chain.](#)

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