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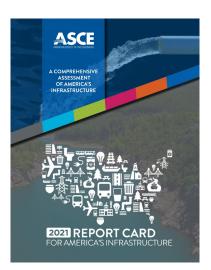
Typically, the stormwater management professional's job is technical, but just as important is the social side of the profession. You play a role to ensure the most vulnerable parts of the population receive the protections they need, work with legislators to get more infrastructure funding, and garner support for green infrastructure, too. Ahead of Water Week 2021 (April 25 - May 1), this month's edition of Stormwater Report delivers the background information to be a more effective advocate for stormwater funding and legislation as well as how to make the best use of it.

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Stormwater Receives a 'D' in First-Ever ASCE



Report Card Appearance

U.S. stormwater infrastructure received one of the lowest grades granted by the ASCE 2021 Report Card for America's Infrastructure . The 2021 report card ranks stormwater infrastructure as a D on an A-to-F scale. Read more about the score and what it will take to raise it .

Prep Webcast to Cover Stormwater Sector's 2021 Legislative Priorities

April 25 through May 1 marks Water Week 2021 , when water-policy advocates from around the U.S. will meet virtually with federal legislators to garner support for sector priorities. Stormwater and government affairs experts will help Water Week participants conduct successful meetings during a preparatory webcast on April 19. Register for the webcast .



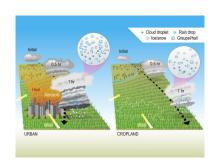


Flooding Likely to Hit Affordable Housing Hardest

New research suggests that affordable housing in the U.S. is far more likely to experience coastal flooding from sealevel rise relative to other types of housing. Researchers estimate that the number of housing units at risk has tripled over the past 20 years, with thousands more projected to become susceptible by 2050. Explore the team's findings in the journal Environmental Research Letters.

Urban Heat, Aerosols Together Attract and Amplify Storms

Two recently published studies describe how the effects of urbanized land and aerosolized pollutants can lead to stronger winds, greater precipitation volumes, and longer storm durations above populated areas. Results suggest that the combined effects of the two factors are more severe than the sum of both individually.





Submit Nominations for 2021 MS4 Awards

WEF is now accepting applications for the 2021 National Municipal Stormwater and Green Infrastructure Awards (MS4 Awards) Program. Award winners are Phase I and Phase II MS4 permittees who meet and exceed regulatory requirements in innovative ways that are effective and costefficient. Submit your nomination by May 10, 2021.

Join the Stormwater Policy Forum

In conjunction with Water Week 2021, the WEF Stormwater Institute will host the fifth annual Stormwater Policy Forum via two webcasts. On April 26, hear from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Capitol Hill policy staff on recent legislation and regulatory changes and on April 29, hear about one city's resilience strategy as well as a hot topics panel that will discuss trash, maintenance, environmental justice, and diversity in the stormwater sector. Get details and register at the WEF Stormwater Institute website .













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