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Theory, Practice, and Policy

Preparing for the effects of climate change is not a 'one-size-fits-all' solution. Effective adaptation requires a combination of infrastructure, policy, and research. Each piece must work in concert to protect people and property from increasingly intense storms and ever-heightening flood risks. This edition of [Stormwater Report](#) follows efforts in Texas, New York, and Georgia as stormwater professionals take different approaches toward a common goal, showcasing the interconnected work of academics, practitioners, and policymakers.

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[Houston Eyes \\$30 Billion Tunnel Project to Avoid Future Flooding](#)

The Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) is considering a massive tunnel project aimed at mitigating chronic flooding that has afflicted the region for centuries. The agency recently concluded the second phase of a long-term investigation into the feasibility of a series of eight large-diameter stormwater tunnels located as deep as 30 m (100 ft) underground. [Learn more about HCFCD's pitch to enhance resilience in one of the most flood-prone U.S. cities](#).



[Action Plan Prepares New Yorkers for Flooding Driven by Climate Change](#)



*On July 7, New York City municipal leaders unveiled a plan to enhance the city's resilience against heavier storms and more frequent flooding that has been amplified by climate change. The plan, titled *Rainfall Ready NYC*, emphasizes how both the city government and New Yorkers can work together to mitigate stormwater flooding. [The action plan prescribes a combination of infrastructure, policy, and citizen engagement](#).*

[Scientists Leverage Statistics to Create Future-Proof Flood Maps](#)

A pair of researchers from the University of Georgia are borrowing concepts from the world of statistics to create more informative, transparent, and accessible flood maps. [The new method aims to make flood-hazard mapping cheaper, easier, and more useful to citizens.](#)



Broadbuss: The Bigger 'Why' of Stormwater Management

Stormwater Summit 2022 — a WEF specialty conference focusing on innovation in stormwater management — took place June 28-29. In an opening address to kick off the event, WEF Immediate Past President Lynn Broadbuss offered a unique perspective on why the work of the stormwater sector is perhaps more important today than ever before. [A month after the conference, Broadbuss elaborates on her remarks and reflects on the highlights of Stormwater Summit 2022.](#)

WEF Stormwater Institute Seeks Collaborators on Asset Management

The Water Environment Federation (WEF; Alexandria, Virginia) Stormwater Institute and its partners are launching a national-level initiative to improve asset management strategies for stormwater infrastructure. We want your municipality, utility, or research organization to be a part of it. [Learn more about how your organization can help make asset management easier for the stormwater sector.](#)





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