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Archaeologists explore ancient stormwater tunnels beneath Pompeii

Ongoing expeditions into the ruins of Pompeii continue to reveal new details about the ancient Roman city and its people, believed to have been decimated by the sudden eruption of nearby Mount Vesuvius around 79 CE. Archaeological Park of Pompeii (APP) researchers have spent two years uncovering new details about how ancient Pompeian engineers approached stormwater management. They surveyed 457 m (1500 ft) of stormwater tunnels that once carried runoff from the city's center toward the Bay of Naples. APP is now working to restore functionality to the ancient tunnels while respecting and preserving their historical value. [Read more about how the tunnels will soon convey stormwater runoff for the first time in nearly 2,000 years.](#)

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2020 National Water Policy Fly-In to focus on stormwater management issues

On April 27 and 28, 2020, water professionals and clean-water advocates from around the U.S. will convene in Washington, D.C., to make their voices heard during the annual Water Policy Fly-In. The event is the anchor event for Water Week and offers the chance to engage federal legislators and regulators on critical water-sector issues. Issues related to stormwater management will take center stage during Water Week 2020. [Learn more about the stormwater sector's legislative priorities and how to participate.](#)

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Participate in the 2020 Stormwater Policy Forum

Attending the 2020 National Water Policy Fly-In? Stay in Washington, D.C. an extra day for a briefing on the current state of stormwater policy from legislative staff and sector thought leaders.

[Register to attend by April 24](#)

EPA seeks feedback on proposed changes to Multi-Sector General Permit

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is soliciting public comment on an update to the 2015 MSGP for industrial stormwater discharges under the NPDES program.

Take the WEF Stormwater Institute's 2020 MS4 Needs Assessment Survey

In 2018, the Water Environment Federation (WEF; Alexandria, Va.) Stormwater Institute polled more than 600 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permittees in the first attempt of its kind to identify common challenges and needs among the diverse array of U.S. stormwater managers. Results of the survey, released in May 2019, underscored broad needs for dedicated sources of funding, infrastructure renewal or replacement, and clearer regulations among respondents. [Help WEF better understand your current MS4 needs by taking the 2020 survey.](#)

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Phoenix, Ariz., hosts inaugural Stormwater Awareness Week

During the last week of January, the importance of individual contributions to stormwater management took center stage in Phoenix, as messages urging locals to avoid littering, properly dispose of hazardous chemicals, and clean up after their pets were posted throughout the city. The messaging was part of the City of Phoenix Water Services Department's (WSD) inaugural Stormwater Awareness Week, a campaign aimed at raising the profile of local issues related to flood prevention and runoff pollution mitigation. [The campaign offers a template to help other stormwater professionals guide their outreach efforts.](#)

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