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STORMWATER REPORT

Restoration and Renewal in the Stormwater Sector

This month's [Stormwater Report](#) covers renewal in various forms.

Stormwater professionals everywhere are improving and restoring their communities. In this edition, one story outlines how researchers from the University of Illinois at Chicago and the University of Waterloo (Ontario, Canada) are exploring how to make the most of wetland restoration projects. Another story details how practitioners in North Texas are working to transform a massive expanse of former agricultural land into a healthy watershed with rich, penetrable soils.

Renewal is also underway at WEF. The WEF Stormwater Institute recently released results from its second MS4 Needs Assessment Survey, offering new insights into common challenges facing U.S. stormwater organizations. Read the full results below. Additionally, the National Green Infrastructure Certification Program (NGICP), which trains, tests, and qualifies green infrastructure professionals, has a new owner. Find out how NGICP's new management will help spread the program around the world while streamlining the certification process.

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[2020 MS4 Survey Highlights Stormwater Funding Needs](#)

The latest installment of WEF's [MS4 Needs Assessment Survey](#) estimates an annual funding gap of approximately \$8.5 billion among U.S. Environmental Protection Agency MS4 program permittees. [Explore the survey's full results for insights into the challenges facing the U.S. stormwater sector](#).

[Targeted Wetland Restoration Maximizes Nutrient Removal](#)

Increasing U.S. wetland coverage by 10% could cut nitrate levels in rivers and streams by as much as half in areas with the highest levels of nitrate pollution, according to new research. [Learn more about how a strategic approach to wetland restoration could help protect water quality and local economies.](#)



[New NGICP Owner Plans Next Phase of Growth](#)

EnviroCert International (ECI; Sacramento, California), an established training and certification



organization working in more than 40 countries, has acquired the National Green Infrastructure Certification Program (NGICP). ECI's top priorities for NGICP include increasing access to certification, maximizing the program's reach, and expanding its services. [Read more about the future of NGICP.](#)

North Texas River Project Champions Green Design

The North Texas Municipal Water District is restoring more than 7,000 hectares (17,000 acres) of land along Willow Branch Creek, a tributary of the Red River. [The project, which involves re-routing the creek, emphasizes green infrastructure and other nature-based solutions.](#)



Registration for WEF Stormwater Summit 2021 Opens April 13

The virtual WEF Stormwater Summit 2021 will take place June 22 and 23. Register for the summit beginning **April 13** for access to a comprehensive program of technical sessions, unrivaled networking opportunities, and insights from sector-leading stormwater experts. Register by June 4 to take advantage of reduced registration rates. [Learn more about the summit at the WEF website.](#)



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