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#### Thinking Beyond Dollars and Cents

After the recent passage of the <u>Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act</u> by the U.S. Congress, the stormwater sector is positioned to receive more than \$700 million in funding for programs targeting everything from green infrastructure to sewer overflows to capture and use. While the legislation represents an unprecedented level of federal investment in stormwater, experts with the WEF Stormwater Institute and National Municipal Stormwater Alliance emphasized during <u>Water Week 2022</u> that funding is only part of the solution necessary to modernize the U.S. stormwater sector. Federal leadership is still required, for example, to coordinate and spread actionable climate change projections and phase out potential contaminants at their source before they enter runoff. This month's <u>Stormwater Report covers these expert recommendations as well as notable stormwater projects in California, New York City, and the U.K.</u>

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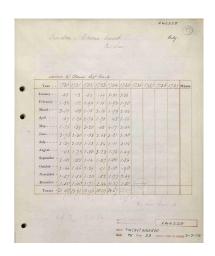


# Funding, Source Control Top 2022 List of Stormwater Legislative Priorities

A new factsheet by the WEF
Stormwater Institute and National
Municipal Stormwater Alliance, titled
2022 Recommendations to Improve
the Stormwater Program in the
U.S., details specific legislative needs
and priorities to help guide the
success of the U.S. stormwater sector
ahead of the Fiscal Year 2023
budgeting process. Read the factsheet
for a list of specific recommendations
to help stormwater professionals
better protect public health and the
environment.

### 'Rainfall Rescue' Data Verified, Enters Official Precipitation Records

In March 2020, more than 16,000 volunteers helped University of Reading climate scientist Ed Hawkins transcribe approximately 5 million handwritten observations of historical U.K. precipitation dating as far back as 1677. Two years after the campaign, known as Rainfall Rescue, more than 3 million new datapoints have become part of the continuous record of precipitation maintained by the U.K. Meteorological Office. Learn more about the massive citizen science undertaking and what it means for today's climate scientists .





#### <u>Project Promises</u> Protection for LA River

The Long Beach Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment Project (LB-MUST), expected to become operational in 2024, aims to drastically reduce the flow of untreated stormwater runoff into the Los Angeles River, San Pedro Bay, and Pacific Ocean. When complete, LB-MUST will be able to capture and treat nearly 2,000 acre-feet per year of urban runoff, with more than 800 acre-feet per year suitable for non-potable reuse applications. Get an early look at LB-MUST.

# Making the Most of One Million New Trees in NYC

Under freshman New York City Mayor Eric Adams, the largest city in the U.S. appears poised to pledge the establishment of an additional one million trees. Expanding New York City's tree canopy can help manage stormwater in addition to providing a host of co-benefits. But to maximize them, ecology and urban planning experts caution that the location of these new trees as well as having longterm plans in place to maintain them is more important than their numbers.





# Nominate for 2022 MS4 Awards by May 31

The 2022 National Municipal
Stormwater and Green Infrastructure
Awards, also known as the MS4
Awards, recognize excellence in
municipal separate storm sewer
system (MS4) program management
and innovation. By May 31, nominate a
stormwater organization that
performs above and beyond their
regulatory obligations for MS4 Award
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Stormwater Summit 2022 takes place June 27-29 in Minneapolis. Super Saver rates expire May 13. Register today at the event's website, and learn more about this year's technical program.













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