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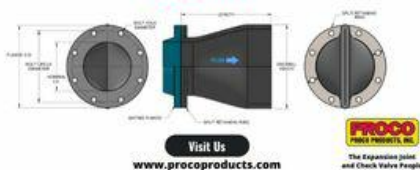
## *Recognizing Excellence in the Stormwater Sector*

*For the last 8 years, the WEF Stormwater Institute and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have collaborated to celebrate sector-leading stormwater organizations via the [National Municipal Stormwater and Green Infrastructure Awards program](#). The 13 recipients of the recognitions this year reveal an inspiring range of ways stormwater professionals think creatively to protect their communities, promote watershed stewardship, and do more with less. This edition of [Stormwater Report](#) covers these solutions and strategies as well as various ways you can get involved in moving the sector forward.*

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addressing  
stormwater  
issues.

## [2022 WEF MS4 Awards Granted to 13 Exemplary Stormwater Organizations](#)

*During a ceremony at WEFTEC 2022 on October 11, the WEF Stormwater Institute bestowed its eighth-annual batch of National Municipal Stormwater and Green Infrastructure Awards to 13 high-performing U.S. communities. The program recognizes U.S. MS4 permittees who exceed their regulatory requirements through outside-the-box approaches to innovation and program management. [See this year's list of recipients](#).*



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## [West Coast Wildfires Intensify Storms Hundreds of Miles Away](#)



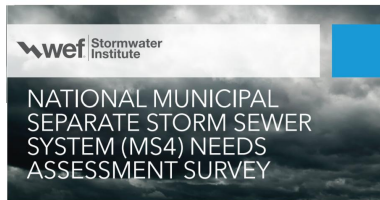
*In 2018, a series of severe wildfires in California and Oregon and a series of major storms in the central U.S. occurred at the same time, each breaking records for their intensity. New research from Pacific Northwest National Laboratory suggests a link between these two phenomena, which are both likely to become more common with climate change. [Read the team's full study for details on how wildfires can affect large-scale weather patterns](#).*

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## [Watch 120 Volunteers Build a Bioswale During 2022 WEF Community Service Project](#)

*Each year since 2008, WEFTEC attendees have donated their time and skills to help improve water management at a vulnerable site*

within the WEFTEC host city. This year, approximately 120 volunteers flocked to St. Augustine High School in New Orleans' 7th Ward to transform the campus entryway into an inviting green space, building an expansive bioswale accompanied by educational components. [Watch this year's WEF Community Service Project come together.](#)



## [Participate in WEF's 2022 MS4 Needs Assessment Survey](#)

The WEF Stormwater Institute 2022 MS4 Needs Assessment Survey is now open for submissions. This is the third installment in an ongoing campaign to gauge the challenges common to U.S. stormwater managers. By participating in the survey, MS4 permit holders and program managers can provide data that will help stormwater advocates close the infrastructure funding gap, raise awareness of sector needs, and inform technical resources. [Complete the 2022 MS4 Needs Assessment Survey by Nov. 30, 2022.](#)

## [WEF and WRF Stormwater Projects Seek Collaborators](#)

The WEF Stormwater Institute and Water Research Foundation (WRF) are each seeking partners for large-scale, long-term stormwater projects. The WEF project intends to draw on expert knowledge to define best-practice standards for green infrastructure asset management. The WRF project aims to streamline the addition of stormwater management into integrated planning efforts. Email [WEF's Claudia Ternieden at cternieden@wef.org](mailto:claudia.ternieden@wef.org) or [WRF's John Albert at jalbert@waterrf.org](mailto:john.albert@waterrf.org) for more details.





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