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U.S. EPA Seeks Feedback on Major Update to Financial Capability Assessment

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking input on an update to its Financial Capability Assessment (FCA) for the Clean Water Act, a methodology that helps water, wastewater, and stormwater agencies incorporate their specific community's financial realities into infrastructure planning. This will be the first major FCA update since 1997. To improve considerations for a community's least-wealthy residents, EPA is proposing two separate FCA approaches for the 2020 update. Each water, wastewater, or stormwater utility would be able to choose their preferred approach, using the resulting financial data to negotiate realistic Clean Water Act requirements with regulators. [EPA is accepting public comments on the proposal through October 19, 2020.](#)

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German Researchers Measure Rainfall by Studying Radio Waves

While a rain gauge may provide comprehensive precipitation data for a specific point on a near-constant basis, accurately capturing the variable nature of rainfall across a watershed may require researchers to deploy too many gauges to be practical. On the other hand, satellites and other large-area measurement methods often read rainfall at a specific point too infrequently to produce useful data. According to new research from Germany's Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) and University of Augsburg (UA), infrastructure that

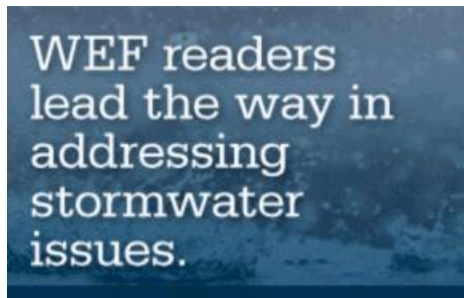
already exists in nearly every corner of the world may offer a solution. [Learn more about how scientists are using cell-phone towers to study precipitation.](#)

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WEF Stormwater Institute Honors Outstanding MS4 Permittees

Recognizing extraordinary efforts to protect local health and safety, detect and eliminate environmental hazards, and build support for stormwater management through extensive public outreach, the Water Environment Federation (WEF; Alexandria, Virginia) Stormwater Institute recently announced winners of its 2020 National Municipal Stormwater and Green Infrastructure Awards. The awards program, developed in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 2015, honors high-performing regulated Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) that meet or exceed their regulatory obligations and provide models for other stormwater organizations to follow. [Get the details on this year's six honorees.](#)

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New Outreach Campaign Promotes Green Infrastructure in Public Parks

Institutionalizing green infrastructure as a standard component in stormwater management plans at all levels and jurisdictions requires a steady stream of champions equipped with the necessary knowledge, perspectives, and communication skills to influence decision-makers. In July, the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA; Ashburn, Virginia) and the Willamette Partnership (Portland, Oregon) released a suite of resources aimed at familiarizing park professionals with green infrastructure and approaches to help nurture its adoption. [Explore the new resources for tips on promoting green infrastructure in your community.](#)

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