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An Ounce of Preparation...

Despite our best efforts, nobody truly knows when or where the next flood will occur, the next pipe will burst, or the next pollutant will emerge. For that reason, planning ahead and ensuring all bases are covered must remain a priority for communities large and small. This edition of [Stormwater Report](#) explores new ways of thinking about preparation, from major policy moves by city leaders to new resources that ensure practitioners are equipped to handle any eventuality.

We hope to see you this month at [WEFTEC 2022 in New Orleans](#), which features a packed technical program designed to give you the knowledge you need to stay prepared.

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Boston Leadership Embraces Green Infrastructure With First-of-its-Kind Cabinet Position

In July, freshman Mayor of Boston Michelle Wu established a new, cabinet-level Director of Green Infrastructure position. Wu chose seasoned engineer, planner, and advocate Kate England as the position's inaugural appointee. England described that the creation of the new position demonstrates a growing recognition of green infrastructure's effectiveness. [Learn more about England's priorities as the first Green Infrastructure Director of a major U.S. city.](#)



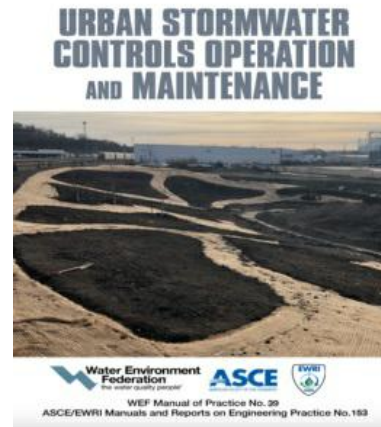
Most Major U.S. Cities Lack Plans for Evacuating Carless Residents, Study Finds

New research from Florida Atlantic University finds that most major U.S. cities do not maintain robust evacuation plans that consider the needs of the carless and the movement impaired. The study, which examined natural disaster protocols in the 50 largest U.S. cities, describes inclusive evacuation planning as a crucial, yet often overlooked, factor of environmental justice programs. [Find out which cities have the most — and least — comprehensive evacuation plans.](#)

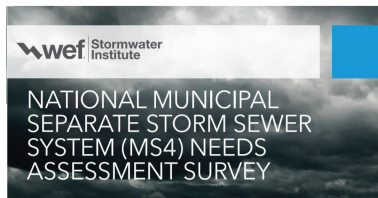


Now Available: Urban Stormwater Controls Operation and Maintenance

Intending to provide clarity to infrastructure designers and managers, WEF and ASCE recently released *Manual of Practice 39: Urban Stormwater Controls Operation and Maintenance*. The 412-page handbook, which covers all elements of developing stormwater maintenance programs from conception through quality control, is now available for purchase in physical and digital formats. [Get details on why this new manual is a must-have for stormwater infrastructure managers](#).



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



The WEF Stormwater Institute's 2022 MS4 Needs Assessment Survey, the third installment in an ongoing campaign to gauge the common challenges of U.S. stormwater managers, is now open for submissions. 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 Oct. 30, 2022.](#)

[WEF Announces Winners of 2022 MS4 Awards](#)

Recognizing U.S. MS4 permittees that exceed regulatory requirements, the WEF Stormwater Institute recently bestowed the 2022 National Municipal Stormwater and Green Infrastructure Awards to thirteen high-performing MS4 communities. The



awards, offered in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, will be formally presented during a ceremony at WEFTEC. [See this year's MS4 Award winners](#) .



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